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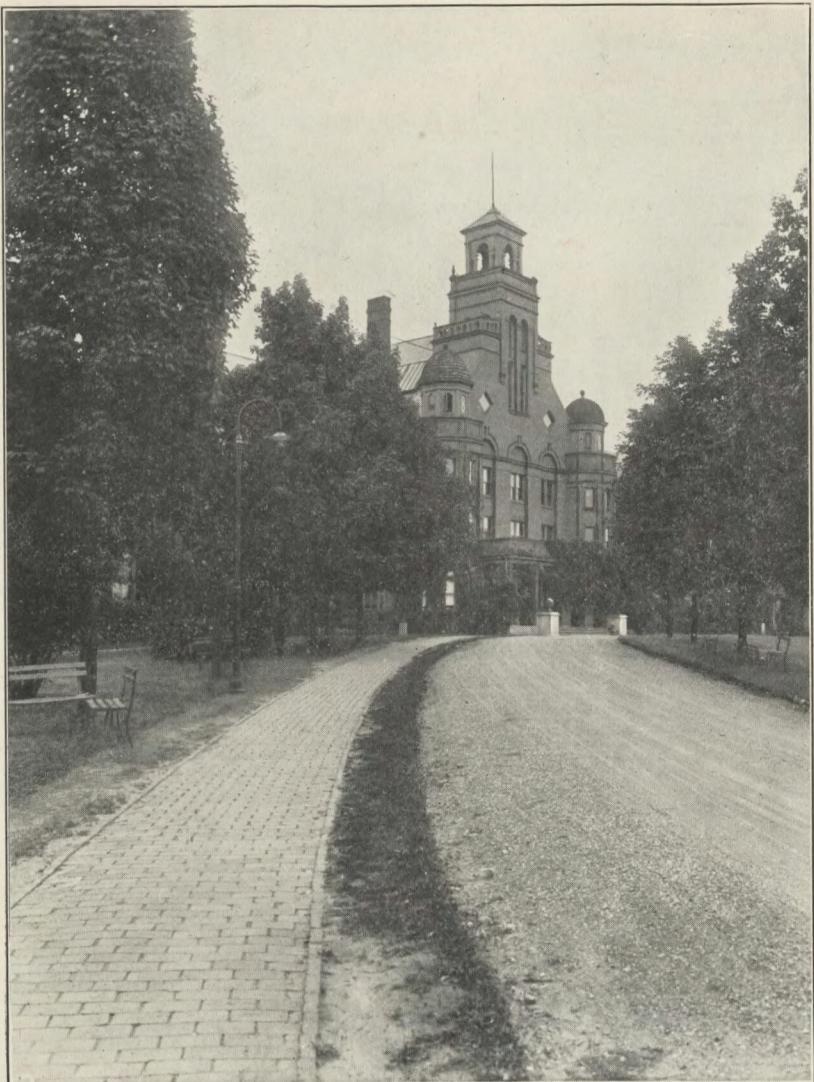
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## WHEN THIS NEW PIN GROWS OLD!

We've slipped the bandage from your eyes,  
We've drawn aside the veil  
That hides our sacred mysteries  
From men beyond our pale;  
And now upon your glad young breast  
We pin a badge of gold—  
You cannot know how richly blest  
Till this new pin grows old.

This badge proclaims the newest part  
Of our old endless line,  
As hand to hand and heart to heart  
We form th' eternal sign:  
Grip tight the links of this dear chain,  
God grant they long may hold;  
You cannot make such friends again  
When this new pin grows old.

—CHARLES KELLOGG FIELD, Z Ψ.



ENTRANCE TO MAIN HALL—RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

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## RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Randolph-Macon Woman's college is the realized dream of Dr. W. W. Smith, whose genius projected the college and whose heroic efforts have given the college its success as an educational institution. It is one of the five members of the Randolph-Macon system of colleges and academies that offer collegiate and secondary instruction to both sexes, but in separate institutions.

Since 1893, when Randolph-Macon opened with thirty-six boarding students, the enrollment has increased to 630. Also since that time, when there was only one building, now known as Smith hall, there has been a decade of expansion of the facilities for the accommodation of students, for enlarging and enriching the laboratories—chemical, physical, biological, and psychological—and the library. The various buildings now consist of Smith hall, to which an annex has been built; East, West, and New halls, all of which are dormitories; Science hall, the Library building, and the Gymnasium. In fact, the college has grown in every way as much as the contributions of friends and normal growth would permit.

Standards of admission have advanced until as early as 1896 the United States Commissioner of education placed the college in Class A, and the First annual report of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching (1906) stated that "Randolph-Macon Woman's college has maintained entrance requirements which are equal to those in the best colleges for women in other sections of the country." Phi Beta Kappa, at her recent convention, has shown her appreciation of Randolph-Macon's scholarship by finding the college worthy of the highest honors she could bestow upon her—granting her a charter.

But to understand what Randolph-Macon really means to the student here is to understand her ideals and social life. There is something distinctive about the spirit of Randolph-Macon students. It is a spirit that soon grips every girl when she comes here, and not until she has felt it can she be truly called a "Randolph-Macon girl." It represents a combination of loyalty and enthusiasm and is due to the standards of character and scholarship, upheld by the institution, and to the broadness, liberality, and freedom of the college life. The greatest fields for developing college ideals are the Student committee and the Honor system. Through their

representatives the students participate in the government of the college. This tends to develop all that is best in a girl, since she feels herself respected and trusted. Added to these factors that produce a high womanly character is that that encourages the cultivation of the religious nature of one's life. Character is made a chief end of effort—character inspired by religious truth and teachings, and wonderful in its spiritual power.

Then the other distinct feature of the Randolph-Macon spirit is the social life. This phase of the college life is so varied, but yet so happily interwoven with the intellectual pursuits of the students that it produces the best and the truest results. There are two literary societies, known as the Franklin and the Jefferson literary societies. These have a hall in which they hold their meetings and give their programs, which are of true literary value. In the spring the societies give a joint play; at Commencement the annual debate is held. In addition to these societies there is a third literary organization, known as the Literary club, whose purpose is "principally one of self-improvement in appreciation and production, through earnest, persistent study and writing; and, secondly, to raise the literary standard of the college." Membership is granted upon the presentation of a paper that is deemed worthy by every member.

The Young Women's Christian association is a very strong and active organization. It carried seven prizes at the Panama exposition. Nearly the whole of the student body belongs to it and is vitally interested in its advancement and work. Under its auspices weekly prayer meetings are held, the waitresses are taught by the students, agencies and other means of making money are provided for those girls who need outside help in order to attend college, and a missionary is kept in the foreign field. Other student activities that cultivate the social life are the Dramatic club and the class organizations. Then too, the college provides a course of lectures, free to students, on literature, science, philosophy, art, and music. Also the students themselves bring many artists of highest rank to the college.

What gives a college its own individuality is its festivities. Among the most important of these at Randolph-Macon are the basketball games, Thanksgiving program, Founders'-day, the Athletic meet, May day, the tennis tournament, and the parties given by the different classes. The Thanksgiving game is the end of the basketball games when every Randolph-Macon girl's enthusiasm culminates in watching the two classes that have won the preliminaries vie with each other for the cup. On that day a course dinner is served after which the Athletic association entertains the college with a dramatic program. Founders'-day is observed March 12 in honor of our much beloved Dr. W. W. Smith. The Athletic meet

is held on the morning of May day, and each class enters a team of five for each event. Randolph-Macon girls have made some very creditable records in these events. In the afternoon the May Queen is crowned with varying ceremonies. The tennis tournament is another very absorbing event of the spring. After a series of preliminaries the winners in both "singles" and "doubles" are presented with loving cups. Then last, but not least, are the parties given by the classes. They are always cleverly planned and executed and quite original.

From every standpoint the college life at Randolph-Macon is full of activity and interest. In such a wholesome atmosphere the Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta ought to flourish.

*Maurine Edwards, Beta Beta*

### THE ALLOWANCE AND FAIR PLAY

It is recognized that the fraternity is more than a social organization and is a factor in the broad training of the college student. One standard of right living it should uphold and even vigorously preach is the habit of prompt payment of financial obligations. College fraternities and clubs have not the best credit with merchants, and their delinquencies are usually traceable to a few individuals who always live a month ahead of their incomes. Parenthetically, it is noted that the student who is earning or the one with the small allowance is usually not at fault.

The necessity of fair play in meeting bills should be evident, but our young people have the impression that it makes little difference to a merchant when he gets his money if he surely gets it. Yet it takes but a moment to realize that in every month he must meet his obligations of rent, salaries, and wholesalers' bills.

Therefore we make the earnest plea to our girls that they establish the habit of paying on the day they fall due, all chapter dues, assessments and house bills. The credit of the fraternity will profit and the training for after life will be invaluable.

There is a tradition that one unsophisticated freshman once brought her initiation fee to her own initiation because her father had always taught her to pay cash for everything as she went along, on the principle that if she did not have the money in her hand she could not afford the purchase or pleasure. Was not that father's training a happy blending of idealism and common sense?

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## VERMONT'S HISTORIC PAGEANT

The Commencement of last June marked the closing of the one hundred and twenty-fifth year since the founding of the University of Vermont. This was a fitting time for a celebration of some form which would bring before the students and graduates the many interesting events drawn from the history of our college—events of which we are justly proud. A historic pageant was decided on by a committee in charge and directed and carefully planned, largely by Miss Helen Benton, President Benton's daughter, working with the cooperation of the fraternities and classes. Every fraternity chose its episode from the list presented by the committee and every class had its place on the program.

As we looked forward to the presentation of the pageant, it was with some doubt that we thought of final examinations, the Commencement rush, and the uncertainty of the weather. But we worked out our plans, decided on costumes and rehearsed in spare moments. When the day arrived, a large number of our men had already been called to the Mexican border, and for this reason two events had to be given up, there being no men left in these fraternities to put on an event. About an hour before the time set for the performance the heavens descended and continued to do so, effectually putting an end to the idea of using our beautiful campus for a background. The stage was set in the gymnasium with a Grecian temple representing the Hall of Learning at the center back, and wings curving out from this on either side. The senior class president, dressed as a Green Mountain boy, represented the "spirit of the university" and, standing at one side of the stage, read from the "book of pageantry" as the episodes were presented. First of all, the senior class filed out from the temple of learning bearing portraits of the men who had been prominent in the history of the college. As the seniors lined up on either side of the stage the procession of alumni bearing class banners passed to their seats in the audience. Next on the program the Pi Beta Phi fraternity, led by one of their girls who symbolized Lake Champlain, came onto the stage and sang *Champlain*, our college hymn, without which no celebration could be complete. The discovery of Lake Champlain, the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain boys, Ira Allen giving funds for the university's founding, and many other episodes in Vermont's history were enacted. Delta Delta Delta with thirteen girls representing the thirteen original states presented the welcoming of Vermont into the Union. One event which was heartily enjoyed by everyone was the presentation by the Commons club of the old-time June training. We Thetas were among the last to appear upon the program and had chosen from the list submitted to

us, to represent the admission of women to the university, since the first women admitted were Thetas, Mrs. Lida Mason Hodge and Mrs. Ellen Hamilton Woodruff of the class of seventy-five, both having the added distinction of receiving the first Phi Beta Kappa keys granted to women. For our performance Miss Sarah Martin and Miss Florence Crooker, two of our older alumnae, dressed in caps and gowns, came out from the Hall of Learning and stood holding the doors open as a line of our girls dressed in white appeared from either side of the stage and passed up the steps and through the open doors into the temple. The pageant ended with all the performers singing a college song. We hope this may be followed by other pageants making us feel more acquainted with our splendid past and strengthening our love for our Alma Mater.

*Dorothy Votey, Lambda*

## RUSHING CONDITIONS

(PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE SURVEY)

In response to a need expressed for recent information, the Service board has attempted a survey of rushing conditions in the universities and colleges where Theta chapters exist. Questionnaires were sent to the corresponding secretaries of all Theta chapters. An extra copy was enclosed with the request that this be sent to the member of the chapter best qualified to answer. In addition, copies were sent to the presidents and deans of women of the universities and to the Young Women's Christian association secretaries. Information has been obtained from twenty-three of the thirty-seven universities and colleges. In some instances only one person has answered, in others three have done so. It is believed wise to consider this a preliminary report and to present a more detailed one after obtaining information regarding the results of this season's rushing.

Of the twenty-three reporting, nineteen gave the exact period of rushing. Two Panhellenics had a season of six weeks, and three reported rushing continuing throughout one semester. None reported a sophomore pledge day, although several had tried it and given it up. In other words, only five of the nineteen had had a rushing season of six weeks or over. The next longest period was from two weeks to twenty-five days, five reporting this period. Five reported a rush of one week to twelve days of college time, two had had only three days, before pledge day, while one had been able to pledge on matriculation day. There was one university reporting pledging two days before matriculation. In addition, one university reported "early" pledging. On the whole, the short rushing season found favor, twelve reporting a season of two weeks or less. In some cases, however, rushing at the fraternity houses was allowed during the week preceding matricula-

tion. The general trend is most interesting in that so many have attempted a long season and have turned to the short one. Five, at least, had tried a sophomore pledge day. The general objections to that and to rushing extending over a semester, are: (1) the extended period causes a physical and nervous strain which is too great; (2) the temptation to "rush" during what is called the "closed rushing" or "natural intercourse" period, causes great friction and intensifies the strain on all concerned. Many of the deans expressed the opinion that ideally sophomore Pledge-day was their choice. However, they agreed that the practical difficulties had not been overcome. Where the rushing season extends through one semester, there is a great effort towards elimination of "rushing" as such. It is interesting to note that all three of the universities reporting a rushing season of one semester, are planning to shorten it before the next season. Certain advantages and disadvantages of the short season were brought forward. In general the short season was approved by the authorities, since (1) there was less interference with scholastic life than under the system of mid-semester pledging; (2) a more wholesome college life was presented to the freshmen; (3) the fraternities were less conspicuous; (4) the physical and nervous strain was relieved. On the other hand certain disadvantages are recognized, namely: (1) there is a hurried and sometimes unhappy selection, from the point of view of both the freshman and of the chapter; (2) summer rushing is a great strain and yet seems necessary. It does not seem wise in this preliminary report to draw conclusions, rather it is the office to present the facts and opinions collected.

Some wise restrictions are in force in certain of the universities. The problem of the method of pledging has been solved to the satisfaction of many of the chapters. Written bids, whether delivered by some impartial person, as the Dean of women, or sent through the mails at a stated time, are reported as helpful. The problem of restriction of the money expenditure is also important. In several instances, the limit has been placed at \$50 or \$75 for the season. In another case it was set at one dollar per member of the chapter, while in still other cases the expense per individual freshman was taken as the standard. Since there has been so much criticism of the extravagance of fraternities, the importance of such a restriction cannot be overemphasized. One university solved partially the problem of friction within Panhellenic caused by penalties, by forming an alumnae board which has representatives from the different chapters. Its duties are advisory and in addition it collects the evidence regarding infractions of rules, and hands this with its recommendations to the college Panhellenic. One of the best innovations seems to be the one requiring a week of "closed" or no rushing at the

beginning of the college year. Many of the chapters report a "university" week of this character when the freshman may learn of her university privileges and duties. One of the just criticisms which fraternities must face, is that too often the system emphasizes the membership in the fraternity rather than membership in the university. A "university" week is a step forward.

Friction within Panhellenic seems to increase directly with the multiplicity and strictness of rules, and also with the length of the rushing period. However, open rushing is everywhere condemned, as are also rules not clearly defined. In several universities Panhellenic or the university authorities publish the rules governing rushing and copies are sent to the freshmen. In many cases the day has been divided into periods of perhaps two or three hours each. Restrictions are wisely placed on rushing during lecture hours and in the late evening. Sometimes there are only one or two such periods a day or certain whole days even are closed to rushing. This is generally true where the period of rushing is extended. Sometimes successive dates with the same freshman, or the number of dates made at one time, or all night dates are restricted. Parties as such were often restricted in number, only one or two being allowed during the season. Restriction of some kind seems wise, but its nature depends on the conditions of residence. Where there is dormitory life, there is less need of rushing freedom than where all chapters have homes. Everywhere the effect on the freshman is deplored, and the feeling is strong that the present systems give them a wrong idea of university and fraternity ideals, difficult to correct.

The attitude of the authorities towards rushing and the fraternity problems is in general one of quiet interest. Perhaps more than the chapters realize, this silent attention is being given. Very frankly many have said that rushing is the gravest problem of the women's fraternity. Is it not our challenge to study the problem and try to reach a conclusion just to the university, to the freshman, and to the chapter? The Service board is very anxious for further information and discussion, and is very grateful for all that has been so cheerfully given. Letters may be sent to Miss Margaret Lothrop, Stanford University, California.

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## DISTRICT V FOREGATHERS

A group of eighty or more girls sat in a circle in the shade of an old tree and listened to a bright-eyed, dark-haired girl of about twenty summers. The cool breezes whispered in the branches of the old tree, and the call of the birds and the buzz of the crickets were broken only by the clear voice of the speaker. Every girl wore a tiny kite over her heart, and every face was a mirror for the things the kite had put in her heart. The words "freshmen," "discipline," "fraternity meeting," "our big sisters," "rushing," and "the house" were heard. Questions were answered, and a solution to each problem was offered by some sister who had learned from experience.

When the welcome announcement that "dinner is ready" was heard, the long tables under some broad-branched elms were soon filled, and, just as if a button had been pushed and the lid popped off, dusky servitors appeared laden with steaming dishes from the old southern house with its gabled windows and pillared doorway.

In the afternoon, the hammocks and the sofa pillows were the coveted objects, and the road and the paths to "the bungalow" were dotted with white "middied" Theta sisters strolling along arm in arm, chatting about the hundred and one things girls can find to talk about.

And at night, when the huge bonfire was crackling, these same girls gathered in a circle once more and, under the shimmering stars, they toasted marshmallows and sang the songs that have, and will be always the favorites in the colleges where Greek meets Greek.

A fraternity examination in the form of a spell-down was held around the fire the second evening. It was conducted by the delegate from Alpha Mu and, after an exciting two hours, a freshman from Rho was the last to go down, winning the silver loving-cup for her chapter for the next two years. When the cup is won three consecutive times by the same chapter, it becomes the property of that chapter.

Early on the morning of the third day, the "big sisters" from the alumnae chapters at Lawrence, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Topeka began to arrive, until they swelled the numbers to 135. When the girls had finished their round-table talk, the older Thetas gathered 'round and held a round-table of their own. Fortunes in Black Cat coffee are made, chapter debts have been paid, teas and luncheons held, and rushing parties given—all this and much more. The enthusiasm and interest shown was a lasting inspiration to the younger girls.

After the alumnae luncheon, stunts were given on the lawn in front of the house by the active members of every chapter, until time for the late afternoon interurban into Kansas City.

When good-byes were said that afternoon and the next morning, many a new friend made promises of future visits during football season, or to a formal. As a result of the convention of District V, June 14-16, at Winwood Farm, half an hour's ride from Kansas City, there is a unity between the chapters in district V which is unprecedented, a friendship that is lasting, and we feel that the future holds big things for us.

*Eva Miller, Rho*

## THETAS WE HONOR

WOMAN SCIENTIST PUTS POTATO THROUGH ITS PACES

MARGARET CONNOR, *Iota*

A.B. 1912,  $\Phi B K$

For a number of years past the United States Department of agriculture has been studying the potato and scientifically selecting and breeding new varieties that will bring it up to the highest standard of efficiency in its duty to mankind. In its later efforts toward the improvement of the useful tuber, it has called in the assistance of a woman that she may bring her woman's knowledge of home economics to bear upon the study of the vegetable.

It is the province of Miss Margaret Connor, scientific assistant in pomology, the youngest woman scientist in the government employ, to put the potatoes through their paces from the standpoint of the home economist.

Potato growing on a large scale in the United States has been centralized in half a dozen localities, corresponding roughly to the various geographical divisions of the country. This specialization has created a demand for varieties adapted to conditions in particular localities, or for varieties possessing certain desirable qualities, such as heat and drought resistance, resistance to parasitic fungi, early or late maturity, high starch content, etc.

The office of horticulture and pomology of the Department of agriculture has carried on such investigations for a number of years, under the direct supervision of Professor William Stuart, who has succeeded in developing a large number of seedling potatoes. These seedlings are crosses between known varieties whose characteristics it has been deemed worth while to perpetuate, or to combine with the desired characteristics of other varieties.

As a result of the years of selection and breeding literally thousands of seedling potatoes have been secured. These are grown in all parts of the United States where the office of horticulture and pomology has experimental grounds—Maine, Virginia, North Carolina, Colorado and Idaho—and complete records are kept of every phase of their development.

The undesirable seedlings are discarded and those showing good characteristics are saved for further testing before being distributed among the different state experiment stations and eventually reaching seedsman and consumer. One of these tests has been undertaken to show their culinary value.

"No matter how disease or drought resistant a potato vine may be, the seedling will prove of little practical importance if the potatoes have a disagreeable flavor or odor, if their flesh turns black after cooking, or if they do not prove suited to the demands of the housewife," said Miss Connor, in talking of her work. "The tubers from each seedling, which is thought worthy of saving are subjected to a cooking test and if this is unfavorable the seedling must possess some very desirable cultural characteristics to save it from the discard.

"We make several tests of each seedling during the course of the winter and complete data are kept for each individual tuber. You know the composition of the potato changes slightly in storage, some of the starch being converted into sugar and the water evaporating. Have you ever noticed the sweet taste you often get in a potato late in winter? Its cooking qualities, therefore, vary slightly at different seasons of the year. The descriptions and measurements of each potato are kept on uniform cards.

"There are three general tests which we apply to each potato—boiling, baking and potato chips. The first two methods of cooking are the foundation of practically all the ways in which potatoes are served in the household.

"The latter is a method of commercial utilization which has been developed as a distinct industry as well as an important adjunct of delicatessen and bakery trade. If a potato will prove satisfactory when subjected to these three tests it is good for almost anything. We use, as a standard, the Green Mountain, one of the most satisfactory, all-round cooking varieties. Some of the seedlings grade higher in comparison, some lower.

"There are many more characteristics in a potato than the average person would believe. One with a disagreeable flavor or with a bad color is of no use for culinary purposes, and if a potato takes too long to cook it is held unprofitable. If it is lacking the qualities of mealiness when baked or boiled, it is of little general value and is so graded. A mealy potato makes the best potato chips, strange to say, provided that the starch is well soaked out beforehand.

"A good salad potato should possess slightly different characteristics from one primarily intended for baking, mashing, etc. It should be firm and waxy in texture, with cohesive particles so that the flesh may be cut into cubes without crumbling. Many of the large hotels and restaurants, before the war, imported foreign potatoes for salad purposes, the yellow, waxy flesh of these German and Holland varieties being well adapted to this method of preparation.

"One of Professor Stuart's aims has been to breed an American variety which would possess the requisite salad characteristics, and a number of the seedling crosses between native and European or South American varieties have been developed with that end in view."

It was in her businesslike office on the fourth floor of one of the buildings which house the bureau of plant industry that Miss Connor received her interviewer, and the latter, looking vainly for sign of culinary outfit, received an invitation to inspect the experimental laboratory of the potato expert.

The kitchen where Miss Connor makes her cooking tests is in the basement of the building, and is not at all unlike a well kept family kitchen. The first object of interest is the electric oven, where the baking tests are carried on. This laboratory apparatus is provided with a thermostat, which enables one to control the temperature of the oven almost to a degree.

To make assurance doubly sure, however, there is a central oven thermometer as well, and with the aid of a little electric light inside the oven chamber the readings can be taken at any time through the glass window in front. By means of this accurately controlled equipment each seedling potato is given a uniform test.

"All the potatoes are cooked at the same oven heat," explained the genius of this laboratory kitchen, "and the interior of each is allowed to reach the same temperature. This latter is determined by means of a small thermometer inserted into the center of each potato. There is, of course, a great difference in the length of time it takes different potatoes to cook, depending upon their size, shape, etc. The different seedlings show a great variation from standard, some being most uneconomical and requiring entirely too much time and heat.

"This last year I ran a series of experiments with one standard variety of potatoes, testing out the most desirable oven temperature for baking. There is a marked difference in the length of time it takes potatoes of uniform size, shape and variety to cook when the oven is too hot, or too cold, or just right. You would also be surprised at the difference in the amount of waste when cooked in a very slow oven as compared with a normal or with one too hot."

An apparatus for boiling, or more correctly speaking, for steaming the potatoes fills a window space in the laboratory. In this test, also, the temperature is perfectly controlled, so that each potato has an equal chance. There is nothing hit or miss here any more than in the oven. While it steams each potato holds its thermometer which projects through a cork in the lid of the steamer so that the temperature can be read without removing the lid.

"We steam the potatoes in preference to boiling them directly in water," said Miss Connor. "The flavor is better preserved by steaming; a mealy potato will cook thoroughly without falling to pieces and it is in every way the better method. We also leave their jackets on. Much of the valuable protein and mineral matter lie directly under the skin and when the potato is pared this nutrient is lost."

A potato peeler, slicer and iron frying basket and pan comprise part of the equipment for the potato chip tests, and samples of the work looked temptingly golden and crisp.

"Quite a bit has been done along this line," said the mistress of the domain. "We have run potato chip tests with all of the seedlings as well as with many of the standard varieties of potatoes, and have tried many different oils and cooking compounds. The best potato chips are made with a high-grade vegetable cooking oil. I have made a number of visits to potato chip factories in the east to learn their methods of procedure on a large scale, and am trying to secure as complete a file as possible of firms making chips commercially and of their machinery and equipment, as well as of manufacturers of cooking compounds and oils.

"I describe and grade every potato myself, using different score cards for the different methods of preparation, but to fortify this individual estimate there is a judging committee of three, whose decisions are averaged and compared with mine before a final report is made."

The experience which she has gained in testing and grading the potatoes for their cooking qualities has given Miss Connor knowledge of the tuber which is of value in the field, and she is engaged for a time each year in taking crop notes.

"There are a vast number of notes to be made in the field," she said, "from the time the seed is planted in the early spring until the crop is harvested late in the fall. Our office is conducting a great many different experiments with potatoes, besides the breeding work, such as the value for seed of mature and immature potatoes; of different size seed pieces, of whole seed, or seed cut in halves, quarters, or according to ordinary field practice; of seed grown in different localities, of the value of different cultural practice, etc. All of these experiments entail much note-taking, descriptions of plants and tubers, records of weights and yields."

Although Miss Connor is yet a very young woman, she is deeply interested in the special scientific work she is efficiently accomplishing for the Department of agriculture and for the community at large.—*Washington Star*, September 24, 1916.

[Miss Connor's active interest in fraternity affairs is attested by her Scholarship report to the Service board, printed in this issue.]

ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON (MRS. JAMES), *Alpha*

Elizabeth Preston Anderson is a native of Indiana. Her father, Rev. Elam S. Preston, a pioneer Methodist minister of that state, was born in Virginia. Her mother, Maria Shepley Preston, was a native of Maine. Her mother's great grandfather, General James Hill, was prominently connected with the war of the Revolution. His descendants fought in the war of 1812, the Mexican war, the Civil war, and the Spanish-American war. Her paternal ancestors were Quakers.

Mrs. Anderson was educated in the public schools of Indiana, in Ft. Wayne college, De Pauw university, and University of Minnesota. A few years were spent as teacher in the public schools of North Dakota, where she had unusual success and left a strong impress for good on future citizens of the great commonwealth.

Her first public temperance work was in the campaign for constitutional prohibition in North Dakota in 1889. That year she was elected Assistant state organizer and Superintendent of evangelistic work for the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance union. In 1893 she was elected State president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, which office she holds today, being elected last year for the twenty-second time.

In 1901, she was married to the Reverend James Anderson, a prominent minister in the North Dakota conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and, at present, district superintendent of the Fargo district.

For a number of years, Mrs. Anderson has been a leader in the National Woman's Christian Temperance union and in 1904, at a national convention in Philadelphia, she was elected Assistant recording secretary. Two years later, at Hartford, she was elected recording secretary. She is a close friend and adviser of Miss Anna A. Gordon, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union—as she was also of the late Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens.

Mrs. Anderson has represented the state Woman's Christian Temperance union at almost every session of the legislature since statehood. Her ability is recognized and her opinion sought by leaders in moral reform. She has been instrumental in securing the passage of many righteous laws and in bringing about the defeat of others tending to weaken the prohibition law.

In recognition of these services in legislative work, a life size portrait of Mrs. Anderson was presented by the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance union to the state of North Dakota; and—by order of Governor John Burke—hung in the state capitol at Bismarck. Mrs. Anderson is also an ardent suffrage worker.

To her, probably more than to any other woman, is due the credit for the retention and enforcement of the splendid prohibition law

of North Dakota. Over its broad prairies, her name is loved and her influence felt. All honor to Elizabeth Preston Anderson, whose life has been spent in altruistic service. "Let her own works praise her in the gates."

EDITH DAY COCKINS, *Alpha Gamma*

*A.B. 1894*

Edith Cockins is a charter member of Alpha Gamma chapter. Her name is number one on its roll. She graduated from Ohio State in 1894, and entered the office of the university in 1895, during the presidency of Dr. Canfield. For her first year in the office, she was known as the "recorder," but the following year, she was made "registrar," which office she still holds. She is the only woman registrar in the list of large state universities.

She also holds the offices of University Editor, secretary of the university faculty, and Chairman of the schedule committee, which means that she has the assignment of all hours for classes to both faculty and students, as well as the assignment of all classrooms and laboratories.

She served nine years as Grand treasurer of the fraternity and as Editor for two years.

As busy as she is all the time, she is always ready to give time to the fraternity and still finds time for other activities. This year, she is President of the City Panhellenic association and is in many other organizations. We all love her and could not get along without her.

JESSIE E. WRIGHT WHITCOMB (MRS. GEORGE H.), *Lambda*  
*A.B. University of Vermont, 1884. Phi Beta Kappa. A.M. LL.B.*  
*Boston University Law School, 1887*

To have cared for her home and brought up six sturdy, clever children, two of whom have already had the honor of qualifying as Rhodes scholars, would seem quite enough of an achievement to the average woman. Mrs. Whitcomb has not only done that but has found time to interest herself in affairs of public interest and in literary work.

Though born and educated in the East, the West seemed to offer a greater opportunity for great adventures, and soon after her graduation from the Boston university law school she came first to Missouri and later to Kansas, where she was admitted to the bar. Mrs. Whitcomb was the first woman to lecture before a man's law school, giving a course of lectures on sales before the Washburn law school in 1910.

But her real hobby is children and those things which pertain to and interest children. One of the greatest attractions of a recent

bazaar was a collection of dolls belonging to Mrs. Whitcomb, dolls of every nation, style, description, and age. Then too, one might visit the juvenile department of almost any library and looking along the shelves to the name of Jessie E. Wright, find a constantly growing row of children's stories from her pen. Among her publications are *An odd little lass*, *Majoribanks*, *Pen's venture*, *Philip Leicester*, and *Queer as she could be*; besides a number of magazine contributions.

Not the least of her interesting qualities is the fact that she is a most enthusiastic Theta and whenever her name is mentioned among a group of Thetas who know her, active or alumnæ, there is always a general acclaim—"Oh yes, Mrs. Whitcomb, isn't she just splendid!"

#### MRS. MARTHA EVANS MARTIN, *Alpha*

When a certain teacher in an Indiana high school took his astronomy class out for an evening study of the skies, we wonder if he dreamed that one of the girls in that class would one day be of great service in popularizing astronomy. As he interested a few in the glories of the stars and planets, probably he never thought that one of his pupils would write books that would lead a multitude to a better acquaintance with God's handiwork in the skies. Mrs. Martha Evans Martin was that pupil. She is no stranger, for her *Friendly stars* was read in the Chautauqua course of a few years ago with great pleasure and profit. *The friendly stars* was very popular in Germany, England, and Ireland, and Mrs. Martin received letters from its readers in every state in the Union.

The new book, *The ways of the planets*, is, if possible, more interesting than *The friendly stars*. A few personal glimpses of Mrs. Martin will serve as an introduction. She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, and educated in De Pauw university. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta, and has received an honorary Master's degree. After her graduation she was associated with her husband on the *Richmond (Indiana) daily telegram*. She edited *Demorest's magazine* from 1896 to 1900. During all that time she cherished the dream of her girlhood—to write a book on astronomy. She lately said to the editor of the *Round table*, "It has been the desire of my life to write of astronomy in such a way as to interest those who seem indifferent. I ask no greater privilege than to open the mysteries and the glories of the heavens to eyes that seem blind to them. When I was busy with other things, I always looked forward to the time when I might write. So I always kept interested; I always observed the stars."

Mrs. Martin spends months of every year in her country home near Plainfield, New Jersey, a little farm house which is named Martin-box. She is never so happy as in the country where she can watch

the stars, feed the birds, and tend her flowers. She has kept what she calls a "nature journal" for fifteen years. She has great interest in birds and is well versed in bird as in star lore. There are sixty-eight birds' nests about her home, and ten bird houses which she built with her own hands. The great crested fly catcher is among her favorites. Mr. Martin, who died during the summer of 1914, was also a writer and the author of a book, *Our weather.—The Round table*, March, 1916.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### *Receipts Since May, 1916*

Chi chapter .....	\$ 25.00
Seattle Alumnae .....	25.00
St. Louis Alumnae .....	100.00
(Coffee Sales)	
Alpha Gamma .....	12.50
Chi .....	85.00
Alpha Tau .....	23.00
Alpha .....	14.45
Grand Treasurer .....	390.00
(Apportionment from Endowment Fund)	
Interest .....	83.84
Cash balance, July 12.....	5,815.64

### *Undergraduate Loans Since May, 1916*

May 18 .....	\$350.00
August 18 .....	350.00
August 18 .....	350.00
September 19 .....	250.00
September 19 .....	150.00

Extracts from the Booklet issued by the Committee, April, 1916, copies of which can be had on application to Miss J. M. Spalding, 34 N. Gates street, Los Angeles, California.

### LIFE ENDOWMENT PLAN

During 1911-1912, the fund amounting to about \$2,500.00, an effort was made to raise the balance by requesting four hundred individual \$25 Life Endowments apportioned seven to a chapter, seven individuals in the chapter assuming the endowments, or the chapter grouping itself for the quota. Much dependence for the success of this plan was placed on the expectation that members of the fraternity not connected with a chapter would find the contribution of a Life Endowment an excellent opportunity to come into close touch with the fraternity and that thus the amount necessary in excess of that contributed by the chapters would be realized. The endowments were payable before the convention of 1915.

The plan, though not entirely and immediately successful, generated much interest and enthusiasm. Some newly established chapters were not prepared

to undertake so heavy a burden, and many active chapters building or renting houses could not assume more obligations. Delta, Illinois, and Alpha Pi, North Dakota, were the first active chapters to respond with the full number of pledges.

Pledges were called in in March, 1915, by which time the fund amounted to \$4,518.00. By general consent time was extended and the committee received additional pledges payable two years later (1917), in order that chapters unable at the previous time or not then established, might be represented in the work.

#### UNDERGRADUATE LOANS

In the meantime, there had been several requests for undergraduate loans. In fact, the need was obvious as early as 1909, when the committee was obliged to refuse an applicant, a senior, with regrets that it had not yet perfected plans for loaning. A committee consisting of Josephine Cook Lippincott, Georgia Caswell Overton, and Sue Barnwell, was appointed to draw up a scheme for loaning. The plan was not put in operation, however, the committee feeling that the size of the fund did not justify it.

Other requests continuing to come in, the plan was again discussed in detail the following year, but was held in abeyance pending the outcome of the Life Endowment scheme. In 1913 the committee received a suggestion from the Council that the fund be utilized for undergraduate loaning. Accordingly, the scheme as worked out by the original committee in 1909 was revised and ordered presented to the convention of that year, with the idea that the fund could be made to serve a twofold purpose, and that the undergraduate loaning was not incompatible with the original purpose of the fund, in no wise abandoned. The committee realized that several years would elapse before the completion of the fund, and ample time would be given for testing the loan scheme.

The details of the plan are as follows:

Sixty per cent of the Scholarship fund may be used for undergraduate loans under the discretion of a permanent special committee. This committee is to consist of the Financial secretary of the fund, the Chairman of the Scholarship fund committee, and the Corresponding secretary of the same, and is to advise with the President of the district, and with the alumnae adviser of the chapter, from which the application comes.

Interest shall be four per cent, payable annually.

Loans shall not be less than \$50, nor more than \$350, to one person.

Security shall be asked at the discretion of the committee (two endorsements of the note by financially responsible members of the applicant's chapter, active or alumnae).

Loans shall be payable within two years after the beneficiary has left college. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the committee.

In case there are more applications than can be filled, the following points shall be considered:

1. Security,
2. Nearness to graduation,
3. Scholarship,
4. Ability to return the loan,
  - (a) Physical condition,
  - (b) Prospective position.

The convention of 1913 adopted the plan, and the committee began immediately in the summer of 1913, to issue loans. At the convention of 1915, fourteen loans being out, and our available surplus nearly exhausted, the committee deemed it advisable, on advice from the Council, to recommend increasing the available total from 60 per cent to 80 per cent. This was changed to 90 per cent and adopted. To date, there are 19 loans out.



First row, left to right—Nannie Ames, Catharine Sharpley, Lucy Ames.  
Second row—Sarah Redwine, Hazel Bethel.  
Third row—Betsey Brown, \_\_\_\_\_, Gladys Owen.



First row, left to right—Sabra Waples, Mary Wells, Marguerite Briscoe, Margaret Metie.  
Second row—Annette Young, Turpin Crout, Margaret Sturm.

Following the advice of an attorney, all money as received is deposited in the Security trust and savings bank to the credit of Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship fund, and interest of four per cent, compounded semi-annually, is received. A regular set of books is kept. Each chapter is credited with all monies sent by its members and every Theta is asked when sending money to designate the chapter to which she wishes credit given.

The Fund through the eyes of one of its beneficiaries:

"This fund seems to me one of the finest things carried on by the alumnae for the benefit of their younger sisters. I am sure it must mean a great deal to many Thetas to be able to receive assistance from the scholarship fund in finishing a college course. I hope that the fund will continue to grow and benefit many students."

The Fund's need for more money is well attested by the following extract from the Service board committee's report on *Why Thetas leave college without degrees*:

"From the opening of college in 1913-14 to February 1, 1916, seventy-five undergraduate Thetas were forced to discontinue their college courses because of a lack of money to pay college expenses. Girls for this reason were compelled to leave twenty-eight different chapters."

## BETA BETAS AS SISTERS

There has recently been added a new group of sisters to our number, and I wish you might all know them as it has been my privilege for the past year.

On entering Randolph-Macon Woman's college, in Virginia—a lone Theta from Lambda's fold—I met a group of girls who had heard within their souls the magic call of Theta, but who had no intimate knowledge of its real meaning. However, in the weeks that followed, they learned one of the first lessons of our sisterhood, to keep their ideal ever before them and to strive for it with unwavering zeal. Several of them came to me, and asked: "What can we do to make ourselves worthy to become Thetas?"

Little did they realize that much of their worthiness lay in their desire and the willingness to make the effort. That has always been characteristic of the Beta Beta girls; the slightest suggestion brought the readiest response. Out on the field, in the classroom, and in other college activities they manifested new ardor, not for their own glory but that the group might be more typically Theta.

One day came the glorious news—the charter had been granted! Yet, even then they did not relax their efforts, but went on increasing their efficiency that their new sisters to be might be proud of them. Installation ceremonies followed soon, and never has Theta received more worthy daughters to her heart. To these girls it had a two-fold meaning: the wonderful things we know so well and the realization of the attainment of a high ideal.

With the founding of the new chapter came new responsibilities, and each member assumed her share in the work with true Theta spirit. In a short time everything was working in the most organized manner. Here I might add that the only affiliate of a new chapter is naturally looked upon as a guiding spirit, but many a time when some small matter was in question did I vainly try to recall how it was done in "Lambda."

Aside from her other merits, Beta Beta's scholarship is unquestioned. But best of all she has seen the beautiful vision of sister love. They had an awaiting affection for every Theta that came to the installation, and are prepared by sentiment and association to give the same welcome to every other Theta. One of the girls said, after everything was over, "Just think, there are so many more just like them, and they are all Thetas!"

*Grace M. Scofield*

We who attended the installation of Beta Beta chapter at Randolph-Macon will long carry a memory of the gracious hospitality of the whole college, as well as of our applying group. An evidence of their high position attained in the college community through their gratifying scholarship records and personal charm was the recent election of one of them as senior president for the coming year. The friendliness of the other fraternities, manifested when some loaned their houses—one for pledging, another for initiation, and a third for installation—and when several others gave teas, demonstrated the esteem in which the girls of Beta Beta are held and confirmed the pride which we felt increasingly during the days of our visit.

*Julia Hainer O'Connor, Rho*

### THE FIRST PHI BETA KAPPA WOMEN

Every Theta is justly proud of the fact that she is a member of the first national Greek-letter organization for women. Another fact that we have reason to take pride in is, that the first women to be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa are Thetas. Conservative Vermont took the lead in granting Phi Beta Kappa to women, and Lambda numbers among her alumnae Mrs. Lida Mason Hodge '75 and Mrs. Ellen Hamilton Woodruff '75, the first two women to win keys at Vermont. And the story of the winning of the keys is a most interesting one.

The story begins as long ago as 1791, when the charter of the University of Vermont was granted. In 1800 the first class entered, and in 1804 the first commencement took place, when four young men were graduated. In 1848 Vermont became the eleventh college to organize a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Through the efforts of

President John Wheeler, who had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa by Dartmouth, the charter was granted and a constitution was adopted. The next event that attracts our attention took place August 1, 1871, when the trustees of the University of Vermont voted to admit women to all courses in the academic and scientific departments.

The next year, 1872, two women entered Vermont from other colleges. Miss Lida Mason entered the freshman class at the beginning of the winter term, and for the remainder of that year was the only woman in the college. She was regarded by the conservative friends of the college and by the townspeople as somewhat of a monstrosity. Even the young men in her class confessed to having imagined she would be a very large, bold person, and were surprised when she proved to be a rather slight, entirely self-possessed and modest young woman. For some time she was conscious, whenever in a public place, of awed whisperings around her: "There's the girl who is going to college here." That fall, Miss Ellen E. Hamilton entered the sophomore class, and the two girls completed their course together.

It was the custom, at that time, to grant Phi Beta Kappa to one-third of the graduating class. There were twelve ready to graduate in 1875, including Miss Mason and Miss Hamilton, who both stood high in their studies. Two of the men, Mr. Frank E. Woodruff, who later married Miss Hamilton, and Mr. Taggart, also ranked high, while the remaining two-thirds of the class stood on a noticeably lower level in regard to scholarship. At the Phi Beta Kappa meeting that year Professor Peabody "exploded a bomb" by moving that persons eligible on the grounds of scholarship be received as members without regard to sex. Such a thing had never been thought of before. Indeed, there had never been any occasion for thinking of it, but now, here were two women graduating with honors! It is reported that there was an "animated discussion." We who have attended coeducational institutions can imagine rather vividly the probable nature of that animated discussion. In the end the motion was laid on the table, and another motion, to vote for the two highest men in the class, was carried. Again the matter was brought up, but all that was accomplished was the passing of a resolution directing the secretary to communicate with the other chapters of the order in regard to the eligibility of women. The two men were initiated without delay, although they demurred somewhat, believing that the women should be equally honored. Some of the members of the worthy fraternity must have done as much thinking as sleeping that night, for we find that the next day Professor Peabody's proposition was again considered, and the admission of women was authorized! The two girls were initiated that

same day, thus becoming the first women to wear Phi Beta Kappa keys.

The next year after Miss Mason and Miss Hamilton entered college six more young women enrolled. After a few weeks all the girls in college banded themselves together to form a Greek-letter fraternity. A committee was chosen to select a name. They were instructed "first, to find two Greek letters that would sound well together; second, to find some Greek words that the letters could stand for; and third, to make the words into a motto that would be suitable for the fraternity." Alpha Rho was the name decided upon that seemed to possess all these virtues. In 1881, Alpha Rho was given a charter by Kappa Alpha Theta, and became Lambda chapter of that fraternity. In June, 1882, Mrs. Hodge was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. In November, 1899, Mrs. Woodruff came back to Vermont on Mrs. Hodge's invitation, and was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta at the same time that Mrs. Hodge's daughter, Hatta, was received. Those who know, affirm that in "riding the goat" Mrs. Woodruff was as jolly and as "game" as the friskiest of freshmen.

Some of the later adventures of these two heroines are quite as thrilling as those which befell them in college, but they lose their charm when told on paper. After leaving college, Miss Hamilton taught for a time, then went to Germany for a year. From Germany she went to Athens, and is described as a most forlorn little person on her arrival there, after travelling alone for many days among people whose language was strange to her. We have reason to believe that her forlornness was short-lived after she reached Athens, for she was met there by Professor Frank E. Woodruff, Vermont '75, and the two were married at the home of Professor Schliemann of the American school at Athens. After they returned to America, Professor Woodruff taught at Andover, later transferring to Bowdoin. Professor and Mrs. Woodruff are still living at Brunswick, Maine.

Miss Mason was married soon after she left college to Dr. Stephen D. Hodge. Her two daughters both attended the University of Vermont, where Miss Helen was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta in 1898 and Miss Hatta in 1899. Mrs. Hodge is now living in Burlington, a loyal member of the Burlington alumnae chapter, and always a most interested and helpful friend of Lambda.

*Pearl Grandy, Lambda '17*

## LOYALTY AND SINCERITY AS THE TRUE MEANING OF FRATERNITY

To the outsider, the word fraternity has as many meanings as it has letters, depending upon the point of view. To the long-suffering father, who is called upon to write numerous checks to some unknown person with a "Treas." written after her name, and to ride back and forth to his business on the streetcar, for a week or longer in September, while his machine, consecrated to the cause, is consuming gasolene, that something called a rushee may be whisked from party to party, the word fraternity sometimes means only a luxury, very necessary to daughter's college happiness. To the small sister just entering high school, it means perhaps a chance to serve punch at parties, and also a possibility to be held over her head as something for which to strive. To the college woman who never "made a fraternity," the word may bring to mind bitter memories of those first few weeks of her college career, when she had to readjust herself, after having concluded, she was, for some reason, not as desirable as her chum from the same town, who had been rushed everything in college, and had five bids, as scalps from the first week's skirmish. Or, as we will hope is more often the case, a fraternity, to the non-fraternity woman, is simply a club such as any one with which she might have affiliated, with a serious purpose in view, working with her organization, for the greater good of their common interest, the college which fosters them both.

But to us fraternity women, who have listened to the ritual, which tells us for what we are supposed to exist, what does it all mean? Companionship, we say, but after all we could have simply that, without fraternity or college. But when one adds to that companionship, a deep and sincere loyalty to these chosen friends, have we not then found the key-note of our chapter life? Nor does loyalty mean blindness to these friends' faults. A lack of frankness is more often a fault of a chapter than an overdose of candor. How many of you have not criticized a fraternity sister to others? You had seen, or at least were very willing to see these faults, even perhaps enjoyed a discussion of them, just because that was so much the easier thing to do. It takes courage to go to a fraternity sister, and tell her that certain actions of hers do not meet with your approval. Perhaps she is aware of these faults, but more often she is not, for after all, college students are probably more dependent on public opinion than any other class of people. They depend upon it for friendships that last a lifetime. Hence, few and far between are the underclassmen who are unresponsive to just criticism. Yet the seniors and juniors, who can make that word "upperclassmen" stand for what they will, fail to recognize any responsibility in this respect.

Instead there arise these discussions, with which we are, unfortunately, all too familiar, punctuated with such phrases as, "The alumnae never would have forgiven us if we hadn't taken her," and, "I told you, when we were rushing her, that she never had studied in her life." So smugly satisfied, they never blame themselves, unless it be in the choice they made. Responsibility does not end with the pledge service, but begins there, and the loyalty that we promise, must come to mean a sincerity that puts truth above flattery, and is brave enough to divest criticism of personal prejudice.

On rare occasions (I am glad to say) I have even heard members of two different fraternities discussing the faults of a sister of one of them. How can we expect our fraternity to be recognized for what it is, if we are willing to make disparaging remarks about ourselves to outsiders? For if we are disloyal to our own members to such an extent that people out of the fraternity become aware, how sad then is this spirit of loyalty for which we stand. No one outside the fraternity is in the position that we are to judge the faults of the fraternity sisters, and are we not weakening our organization immeasurably when we casually discuss our members outside the family circle? For it is by the opinion of the mass, and not our own, that we are judged in the fraternity world. In the same way, if we discuss the faults of our own chapter, the mistakes we have made, with members from other chapters, we must remember that, while a certain amount of self-criticism may help another chapter to avoid similar faults, that at the same time we are making our own chapter liable to be remembered for its faults rather than its virtues. So let us refrain from saying things about our sisters that we would not say to them, and from discussing family troubles outside, even to near relatives.

And still we have not found the full meaning of loyalty within a fraternity. There is something more than loyalty to a few chosen friends. We must extend it to women we have never seen, women scattered all over this country, for no other reason than because they are wearing a pin like our own. When we can do this and realize that our chapter is only one small part of the fraternity, and that it is for the interests of this larger unit that we must strive, then we begin to realize a connection between loyalty and the real meaning of fraternity, as we should understand it.

One chapter certainly should not be allowed to dictate the policy of a democratic organization, such as ours claims to be. Yet, it amounted to exactly that, when one chapter, because it did not believe in extension, could prevent the establishment of chapters, and the time had surely come to make such action impossible. Yet how much better for the feelings of the new chapter to have the action unanimous, rather than its being left to a vote of the District presidents.

How much better too, for the dignity of the chapter concerned, to accept the policy as outlined by the fraternity as a whole, and not by the Grand council, as some seem to think. If it be our policy to extend to certain types of colleges and a chapter vote is called for, on a petitioning group, it is advisable to look up the status of the college and of the local group, and give a vote accordingly, instead of sending in a negative vote, and then making investigations. Time is too valuable for investigations to merely satisfy curiosity.

There is a certain prestige granted to the older chapters in the fraternity, and a deference expected by them from the newer chapters. Yet after all the active members of our first chapter are no older, and have had no more fraternity experience than the active members of our newest chapters. And yet in almost all cases, it is the older chapters who attempt to decide what the policy of the fraternity shall be. And it is they who criticize the Grand council, and are somewhat inclined to take the attitude that they are a distinct element in the fraternity, to be dealt with more or less tactfully, which has the avowed purpose of establishing chapters in every college in the country, particularly when it can do so over the heads of as many chapters as have the "independence" to object. Our extension policy, with other fraternity legislation, has been quite definitely decided upon at conventions, by the delegates from the active chapters. The Council is elected biennially, by these same delegates, and elected from among our own graduates. These women have the interests of the fraternity as much, if not more, at heart than any of us. If they, because they devote more time to the fraternity than most of us would be willing to, have a keener vision into the future of the fraternity, shall we let ourselves be the losers by confining their power to that of a mere advisory body, whose advice so often goes unheeded? I am not arguing for any definite increase in the power of the Grand council, and certainly for no lessening of chapter power. A decrease in power always means a decreased interest, and the Council would be the last to wish to increase its own responsibility to the sacrifice of one atom of interest elsewhere in the fraternity. Nevertheless, it is unfair to the Council to ignore their advice simply because they are better acquainted with the situation than we. It is hardly consistent to blame them for adhering to the principles, that in electing them to office, we have bound them to uphold. The fraternity as a whole makes the laws that govern us. These laws give us as definite a policy as is possible in such an organization. However, should one or two chapters hold out against a petitioning group, it would be well to remind them that the class of college we may enter, has been well defined by convention legislation, and if the status of the college does not meet the approval of the dissenting chapters, they are, after all, in the minority, and have no real right to object.

on that ground as long as the college in question, is on the approved list. Also before objections are raised in respect to entering a small college, it might be well to learn how much larger were the institutions of most of our chapters, when the fraternity was installed. It is well to remember, too, that in these days, it is almost necessary to choose the lesser of two evils, if they be that, and to decide whether it is wiser to enter a large institution, with five or ten strong nationals already flourishing, or to enter a smaller institution as one of the first nationals.

When a chapter has gained a good standing and ranks among the best in its university, it is undoubtedly due, in large measure, to the fact that it is part of a strong national organization. Yet this same chapter, which perhaps boasts most of its national reputation, decides that the time for extension has passed; that we have more new chapters now than we can educate; that there is too much danger of overloading its ranks with affiliates. Our national reputation, in spite of the large number of chapters added in the last few years, hardly seems to have declined sufficiently to justify such an absolute stand against extension. In fact, with the extension into the far south and into the northwest, we have become more truly national than we were a few years ago, when our concentration was in the east and middle west, with two western chapters, so separated from the rest of the fraternity geographically, as to hardly feel their connection. So if our policy has been and is one of extension, has it not given the chapters that much more national reputation, with which to impress rushees? So when an older chapter takes a determined stand against extension and begins to be snobbish about affiliates, one is led to wonder if this chapter is giving as much to the fraternity as it is receiving. One might even conclude that such chapter might consider itself more fortunate to exist as a local, with full legislative power of its own.

A chapter may do much for the fraternity by ranking highest in the ideals for which we stand, in its own institution. It may be prompt with national reports and the wheels may all seem to run smoothly; yet an attitude inharmonious, and unjustly critical may be like a drop of ink added to a goblet of pure and sparkling water, that makes every atom dark and impure. The aspirations for the fraternity, that each of us hold are high. Then let us avoid pettiness; let us crush back selfish motives for the sake of our fraternity; let us, at all times, be faithful to the allegiance we owe her; and, let us ever remember, that only through loyalty and sincerity of the highest type, can we hope to attain true fraternity.

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## INSTALLATION OF BETA BETA

Thursday afternoon, May 4, 1916, Mrs. Mecklin, Miss Green, Miss Baker, Mrs. O'Connor, and most of the girls who were with us from Swarthmore and Goucher, came to Randolph-Macon. Late that afternoon the girls of "Phi" met our visitors in East hall parlor and everybody got acquainted. From the minute they came until we had to let the last one go, we experienced that little girl feeling that used to come at Christmas time—your mind knew it was going to happen but you never really believed it.

Thursday night, though, at the Delta Delta Delta house, "it" really began to happen, for we were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. At pledging we had a fore-shadowing of the depth and meaning of Kappa Alpha Theta services that came as a revelation to us in the initiation service the following night. After pledging was over, the pledges were examined on the chapter roll after the manner of the old-fashioned spelling match, Dorothy Wilson of Goucher took the rôle of teacher and there wasn't another quiet minute, every one laughed almost all the time.

Friday afternoon teas were given to the officers and visiting Thetas at the Phi Mu and Pi Beta Phi houses.

Initiation was held Friday afternoon and night at the Alpha Delta Pi house. It is useless to try to give any adequate idea of that initiation and what it meant to us. Every Theta remembers with peculiar vividness the first time she experienced the dignity and loveliness of that service. Conceive if you can, what it must have been to have had it conducted by those officers and Theta girls who were with us and you will get a better idea of what this one meant to us than words can give you.

Saturday morning, Mrs. Mecklin, Miss Green, Miss Baker, and Mrs. O'Connor went to Sweet Briar on an auto trip with Mrs. Harmanson, who came into Theta with "Phi" and who to Beta Beta chapter is "our Mrs. Harmanson."

Saturday afternoon Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta gave a reception to the faculty and students of Randolph-Macon at the Alpha Omicron Pi house.

Saturday night our first Theta banquet in Lynchburg was held at the Virginia hotel. There were forty present. Mrs. Mecklin as toast-mistress was—well, Mrs. Mecklin, having said that further words are useless. The Theta welcome was given by our District president, Amy Baker, and it went straight to the heart of every Beta Beta. Jeannie Gary gave Beta Beta's response. "Theta fun" was furnished by the Swarthmore and Goucher girls. It is impossible to give any idea of the stunts they did. Those girls have to be experienced to be conceived of and properly appreciated. Theta greetings from afar were read by Grace Scofield, then from Lambda

but now a Beta Beta affiliate. Just here we want to say that more than we can possibly express we want to make every single Theta know how touched we were over those greetings and how grateful we are for the royal welcome you gave us.

The Theta loving-cup was toasted by Miss Green. In revealing the symbolism of the loving-cup she added another gift to those that had been heaped upon us, by bestowing as only Miss Green can, the conception of how closely Theta links her hearts together.

Sunday afternoon, our first fraternity meeting was held, presided over by Miss Baker. Here the "Theta baby" was taught how to take its first steps. Officers were elected, plans for building the house in the near future were discussed and the Theta Constitution was read. Several special talks were given for which Beta Beta has later had occasion to call down blessings on the heads of those who gave them.

After the meeting all were asked over to visit with the Delta Delta Delta chapter and have tea. And right here it may not be out of place to say something of the splendid spirit of hospitality and sisterhood shown to us by all the fraternities at Randolph-Macon. They couldn't have been more wonderful.

Sunday night, with the exception of Miss Green, we had to say good-bye to our new Theta friends. And they were friends of the "really, truly" type, for in those few days they had walked straight into our hearts. Monday morning Miss Green left us and took with her the large share of the aforementioned heart we always keep for her.

Four days is a very short time as men count time, but the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh of May were full to overflowing and they will linger in our memories with "trailing clouds of glory," for they brought to us the biggest event of our college days. And we feel that not only to us were these days gracious but that Theta by taking up her abode here has brought rich gifts to Randolph-Macon and that the addition of the Theta spirit and ideals to the college life cannot but add to the college spirit of dignity and will be a very potent factor in the ennobling of her womanhood, both now and in the years to come.

*Marguerite Briscoe, Beta Beta*

**Christmas Suggestion**  
Send the fraternity catalogue to your old  
room-mate.

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS  
COLLEGE YEAR 1915-16

*Alpha*: Genevieve Briggs, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Beta*: Mary Rieman, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Hilda Springer, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Esther Mayer, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Gamma*: Mary Zoercher, first on honor roll, senior scholarship.

Lola Conner, on honor roll.

Irma Weyerbacher, on honor roll.

Virginia Kingsbury, on honor roll.

*Delta*: Marguerite Bennett, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Eta*: Muriel Tyson, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Esther Shaw, fellowship in psychology, elected to Sigma Xi.

Dorothy Bastin, scholarship in botany.

*Iota*: Catharine Bard, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Kappa*: Mabel Perry, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Naomi Simpson, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Faye Dodderidge, on freshman honor roll.

Vivien Bretherton, on freshman honor roll.

Elsie Patterson, on freshman honor roll.

*Lambda*: Helen Rutter, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, graduated *cum laude*.

Constance Votey, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, graduated *cum laude*.

Frances Dutton, freshman-sophomore honors, first group.

Helen Hall, freshman-sophomore honors, second group.

Mary Sparks, freshman-sophomore honors, second group.

*Mu*: Helen Adams, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Jesse Howell, second prize in Oratorical contest.

*Rho*: Catherine Atwood, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Florence Angle, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Sigma*: Elsinore MacPherson and Elsie Graham divided the honors of the sophomore year English prize.

*Tau*: Genevieve Forbes, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, on honor roll.

Mary Herrick, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, on honor roll.

Dorothy Scott, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, on honor roll.

Ruth Austin, on honor roll.

Rene Murray, on honor roll.

Gloria Ray, on honor roll.

*Upsilon*: Mildred Lammers, elected to Mathematics club.

*Phi*: Florence Stewart, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Chi*: Elsa Volkmann, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Louise Stewart, graduated *cum laude*.

Louise Balsley, graduated *cum laude*.

*Psi:* Anita Pleuss, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Marjorie Kinnan, named for sophomore honors.

Mildred Ellis, named for sophomore honors.

Mildred Sprague, named for sophomore honors.

Dorothy Bell, named for sophomore honors.

Helen Buell, named for sophomore honors.

*Omega:* Corinne Cronise, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Helen Goodall, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Alpha Beta:* Anna Michener, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and winner of Lucretia Mott Fellowship.

Katherine Price, elected to Somerville literary society.

Helen Ballein, elected to Somerville literary society.

Esther Phillips, elected to Somerville literary society.

Mary Crosley, elected to Somerville literary society.

Irma Russell, elected to Somerville literary society.

*Alpha Gamma:* Catharine Okey, elected to Sigma Xi.

*Alpha Eta:* Mary Jo Harwell, graduated "with honors."

Evelyn Norton, graduated "with honors."

*Alpha Iota:* Helen Anderson, senior honors.

Mildred Searcy, senior honors.

Senta Retter, senior honors.

Ruth Zacher, senior honors.

*Alpha Lambda:* Elizabeth Vinsonhaler, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Elizabeth McLean, winner of the chapter's freshman scholarship cup.

*Alpha Mu:* Helen Lowry, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Kate Child, winner of Chi Omega sociology prize.

*Alpha Pi:* Ruth Soule, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

*Alpha Tau:* Mary Corre, second prize in university contest day in literature.

*Alpha Upsilon:* Frances Perry, elected to Tau Delta Pi (local applicant for Phi Beta Kappa charter and with the same scholarship standard).

*Alpha Phi:* Gladys Gibbons, fellowship in mathematics.

*Alpha Chi:* Josie McCord, elected to Theta Chi Gamma (local applicant for Phi Beta Kappa charter and with same scholarship standard).

Gail Bone, elected to Theta Chi Gamma.

*Alpha Omega:* Helen Frost, graduate *cum magna laude*.

This year's honors include 26 elections to Phi Beta Kappa, in comparison with 17 last year; and this year's two elections to Sigma Xi. At 18 colleges, out of the 27 where she meets Phi Beta Kappa, members of Kappa Alpha Theta received election to Phi Beta Kappa in 1915-16.

Only nine chapters are unrepresented in this list of scholarship honors and in six instances they are in colleges where no scholarship honors are awarded. A fine record for the year.

The comparative report on standing of fraternities is postponed until the January issue, as so many colleges have not issued such reports yet, and so we have only a very incomplete record at this time. However, to complete the report of scholarship honors we give the following facts as of special cause for pride. Kappa Alpha Theta has the highest average of fraternity groups at Indiana, Illinois, Vermont, Wisconsin, Newcomb; and at the University of Washington, Seattle, the highest average of any organization, the average for the entire student body being eighteen places below Theta's first rank.

## SCHOLARSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT

(REPORT COMPILED FOR SERVICE BOARD)

Thirty-seven of the thirty-eight chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta answered my request for information concerning the methods employed for upholding the standard of scholarship in the chapters. A copy of the questionnaire is attached to this report. The contents of the replies may be summarized as follows:

1. *Supervision of freshmen.* Twenty-nine chapters have regular advisers appointed from among the seniors or upperclassmen, one for each entering girl. Three chapters exercise supervision over freshman scholarship by means of a committee, or with the aid of the chapter alumna adviser. One chapter, with sophomore initiation, exercises a general supervision after the April pledge day. Three chapters exercise no supervision. One chapter has sophomore pledging. In 23 cases this supervision includes college activities and social obligations; 2 chapters intimated that stress was laid on the activities rather than scholarship. Five chapters held meetings of the freshmen for special help along scholastic lines and for instruction in fraternity and college affairs.

2. *Supervision of sophomores.* Eleven chapters report supervision of sophomores by upperclass advisers or by the same method employed with freshmen. Twenty-three chapters do not directly supervise the work of the sophomores. Three chapters report that sophomores are supervised only when their work is poor.

3. *Scholarship committee.* Twenty-eight chapters report a scholarship committee, consisting of one or more members, sometimes including all upperclassmen, but generally 2 or 3 girls appointed by, and often including, the chapter president. Most of these committees do nothing more than secure the grades of the members and figure individual and chapter averages. Some committees have supervision of all the college work of active members and pledges, with authority to recommend improvements in scholarship and to inflict penalties when the work is below standard. In one case a committee of the local alumnae association procures the grades of the members and gives them to the corresponding secretary. Each member of one chapter gets her own marks, and another appoints one girl to get the grades. Four chapters report no scholarship committee but say that the corresponding secretary obtains the grades. Twice a year the grades of all fraternities at California are compiled

by the University Recorder and sent to the house president. One chapter has no scholarship committee or substitute therefor. The letter says "Chapter grades are obtained from individual members" but no record is kept of them nor are they read at meeting. Two chapters are assisted by scholarship committees of the local alumnae clubs.

4.	Reports of work or grades received.	
	(a) Monthly .....	10
	(b) Every 6 weeks.....	5
	(c) Every 2 months.....	1
	(d) Quarters and once between quarters (8 times a year) ..	1
	(e) Mid-semester reports.....	18
	Once during semester.....	12
	Two or three times during semester.....	8
	Freshman grades are often received several times a semester and upperclass grades only once during the semester. Two colleges had three terms. These reports are sometimes definite grades, sometimes only approximate standings, sometimes merely delinquency notices. They are sometimes sent by the university and sometimes only had on application.	
	(f) Semester reports.....	27
	Two colleges have three terms.	
	(g) Yearly reports, only, sent by university.....	2
	Reports may be had at any time upon application.	
	(h) One chapter's underclassmen report each week to the scholarship committee all grades or reports received during the preceding week.	
5.	Grades obtained from college office (registrar or dean).....	24
6.	Grades obtained from instructors.....	18
7.	Professors object to giving out grades between terms....	6 colleges
8.	Individual grades posted by professor or college.....	6
9.	Relative standing and averages of different fraternities posted by college .....	15
10.	Grades of members posted in chapter-rooms or filed where accessible to everyone.....	8
11.	All grades read or reported at chapter meetings.....	20
	Only low grades or delinquency notices read.....	4
	Grades above and below average read.....	2
	Only grading of fraternity read.....	1
12.	Attempt to teach new or delinquent members how to study.....	9
13.	Study hours enforced in house or dormitory.....	14
14.	Study hours observed but not enforced.....	6
15.	Record of recitation cuts kept by fraternity.....	5
16.	No record kept, but overcuts spoken of in meeting.....	3
17.	Low grade students tutored by active members or alumnae	24
18.	Scholarship requirements for pledging.....	18
	(a) Definite number of hours must be carried.....	8
	(b) Definite number of hours must be passed satisfactorily..	5
19.	Scholarship requirements for initiation.....	33
	(a) Definite number of hours must be passed satisfactorily..	25
	(b) Average of grades must reach a definite standard of excellence .....	17
20.	Prizes offered for high scholarship.	
	(a) Loving-cup engraved with name of freshman making highest average for semester or year.....	
	(b) Loving-cup engraved with name of girl making highest average each term .....	

(c) Loving-cup to sophomore making highest average.....	1
(d) Loving-cup to class making highest average.....	1
(e) Individual prize to freshman making highest average....	2
(f) Panhellenic prize.....	6
21. Chapters reporting alumnae encouragement of high scholarship as emphatic and expressing itself in concrete form, such as prizes, talks, tutoring, advice, etc.....	23
22. Chapters making definite statement of no alumnae encouragement	7
23. Alumna adviser active in promoting scholarship.....	5
24. Scholarship committee or upperclass advisers interview professors as to reasons for low standing, and remedy.....	5
25. Social activities of girls curtailed, and dates restricted when marks are low.....	12
This is faculty ruling in two colleges.	
26. Vote taken from delinquent members.....	2
27. Privilege of holding fraternity office taken from delinquent members .....	1
28. Chapters who vote their methods satisfactory.....	13

Margaret Connor

## QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Are your freshmen supervised? Method? Does this supervision include college activities as well as scholarship?
2. Are sophomores supervised? Method?
3. Have you a scholarship committee? How chosen? Duties?
4. How are the grades obtained from the college?
5. Are low grades posted in the chapter house or room?
6. Are high grades posted in the chapter house or room?
7. Are grades posted by the university?
8. How often are reports received?
9. Are they read at chapter meetings?
10. Are prizes offered for high scholarship?
11. Do the alumnae encourage high scholarship by means of talks, interviews, etc.?
12. Does the chapter try to teach its members how to study?
13. Are the study hours enforced or supervised?
14. Is any record kept of recitation cuts?
15. Are low grade students tutored, either by active or faculty members?
16. Is there any scholarship requirement for pledging or initiation?
17. How are the scholarship records kept? Send sample card if possible.
18. Has your chapter any method not covered by the succeeding questions?
19. Will you please state whether in your opinion your method has proved satisfactory? Have you any criticisms or any recommendations to make for other chapters?

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### CONVENTION

The dates for convention are June 25 to 29, 1917.

The place is Charlevoix, Michigan.

The hotel is "The Inn" with a \$2.50 a day rate, American plan.

The hostesses are the chapters of District III.

The special trains—yes, trains, two of them, will run up from Chicago and from Detroit.

The Hotel proper can accommodate 400 guests. We expect, at least, 400 Thetas to be present. Will you be there? Better come, for everything indicates the best convention ever.

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## WITH OUR CONTEMPORARIES

How will you answer?

"What has the chapter done for the college?" Has it lived up to every tradition, satisfied every demand, paid in any way the debts it must necessarily have to its Alma Mater? 'Tis a question to meet soberly, each one of you active chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, now that another college year has taken its place in the procession of the past. Cay you say—

We have aided our Dean of Women in all that she has suggested.

We have been active in each enterprise of our university.

We have, to the best of our ability, been loyal members of the student body.

We have drawn no line between sorority and non-sorority girls.

We have proved that lack of scholarship cannot be attributed to the sorority girl.

We have shown, by material assistance, that the sorority is willing and happy to assume its share of any financial burden.

We have earnestly desired to exemplify the teachings of our Alma Mater—to live its ideals—to glory in its fame.

For after all, it is poor policy to take all and to give nothing, isn't it? Rather let us balance the scales; let us be a potent factor in the life of our institution; let us learn to say and to live "my college first—my sorority, second."—*T Φ B Crescent*.

Do you agree?

When we were at college we were all for conservatism in fraternity policy. "Now that we have our chapter," said we, "let others wait." Later when we were exchange editor of *The Key* and began to become acquainted with the rest of the fraternity world through their publications, we became more liberal. Now, after attending two Panhellenic congresses, and knowing more about our fraternity and others, too, than we ever did before, we see the wisdom of expansion.

We find that the men and women who know most about the national fraternity situation favor expansion.—*K K Γ Key*.

Is your fellowship limited?

If a large chapter is desirable—and the development of our fraternity chapter in the last ten or fifteen years has answered that by actions which mere words can not controvert—wherein does the logic of the situation fail when applied to the aggregation of chapters? If doubling the average size of the chapter has produced a good result, why should an increase in our chapter roll be objectionable as a question of general policy? There is acceptable material for large chapters; we admit it. Does anyone undertake to say that we have exhausted the list of acceptable colleges? Remember that the fraternity of 1916 is not an association of self-designated superior beings; it is a company of congenial spirits. And with the force of our present organization we approach the ideal of a national federation of congenial spirits. When we see a college with its future secured by a state law levying a millage tax for its support, rendering it independent of the vagaries of legislative bodies, with such development and traditions, and graduates of such accomplishment, as to give it a recognized standing, can we say there are none of our type of men there? If there are men of our type, what reason is there which should induce us to deny to them the advantages and the pleasures of our association? Do we not fail in the accomplishment of our ideal in just the proportion that we bar from our membership men of our

type, men who naturally and normally belong to us? Is it not true that the refusal to consider a charter in an institution of standing is the exact parallel to a refusal to take a good man for fear of losing exclusiveness in numbers? When we initiate a freshman, do we insist that he be the equal of the best man in the chapter? You know he never is. What more moral right have we to require that a new institution to be added to our chapter roll shall measure up to the biggest and strongest of our present chapters?

Brothers, do you know the high purpose which animated our revered founders in establishing this Fraternity? Let me recall it to you in paraphrase, and when you go home get out your archives and read it in the original. "The purpose of this organization shall be to establish and maintain throughout life, fellowship—intellectual, social, moral; to elevate the character and attainment of its members through fraternal association; to promote scholarship and stimulate high ideals."

If the Fraternity is to live the ideal she professes, if the Fraternity is to measure up to her high opportunity for service, if the Fraternity is to earn that crown of "honor" of which President Wilson spoke, the diadem of service, instead of the brazen crown of selfishness, we must strive to unite not some of the men of our kind but all of the men of our kind in a true, glorious, great national fellowship.—Φ K Ψ *Shield*.

### Are these your arguments?

What other arguments are there against judicious fraternity extension than these?

1. We always used to be known as a conservative fraternity.
2. It is nicer to be conservative.
3. We are so fine ourselves, that there couldn't possibly be many more people like us.

Some of our members feel this way, we regret to say. Not that we are rabidly socialistic, and feverishly rushing around the country seeking out colleges where we may place chapters. But these are our reasons why we approve of judicious extension:

1. In the old days the percentage of women who went to college was inestimably smaller than today. Consequently there is more possible material today, and the modern college girl is just as fine a type as the strong-minded pioneer college women.
2. If a group of earnest, womanly and splendidly normal girls works tirelessly for a Kappa charter for several years, and so proves its purpose, it will bring to us fine enthusiasm and spirit that we cannot afford to miss.
3. If the personnel of the petitioning group is carefully investigated by a grand officer and an active girl, and if the college standing is absolutely assured—then the recommendations of that council member and the active Kappa should have some weight.
4. Our largest chapters are not necessarily our best, nor are our smallest. We must have both. Large chapters in large colleges should not blackball petitioners in small colleges because they do not know the possibilities in a small group in a small college.
5. Old chapters sometimes run down. New life is always needed in an organization.
6. If your fraternity is a good thing, share it with others.
7. The United States is a big place, but after you've traveled in most of it you find the American college girl is about the same all over. No locality has a monopoly on refinement, social grace or good character.—K K Γ *Key*.

### Is there any difference in colleges?

A much mooted question among national fraternities today seems to be that of extension in agricultural colleges.

Since the Oregon agricultural college has become standardized, Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, and Alpha Tau Omega have granted their charters to petitioning locals. It is safe to assume that other fraternities will not be slow to follow.

Is it not possible that the sense of conservatism is superficial and superfluous, if there be splendid material and an open field, whereby a mutual benefit between fraternity and college may be realized? And yet these facts are frowned upon by national fraternities because a technical is being considered.

Let us consider the women's fraternities and their place in technical schools. Are there not strong locals whose ideals are on a par with those of groups in schools of liberal arts, and may they not be barred from our national fraternities for no other reason than that they represent a technical school?

Among the courses for women in our colleges, that of first consideration is home economics. The schools of music, commerce, pharmacy, physical education, yes, and even agriculture and mining, claim many women students, but home economics is very much in the lead.

This course aims primarily to fit the girl for the art of home making (*not* "housekeeping") and secondarily, she prepares herself to enter the professional world. Do not assume, however, that home economics is wholly technical; there are cultural requirements in languages, art and ethics.

The ideals of any fraternity are to accomplish real good and to count for its members those men or women who are best equipped to deal with the problems of every-day life. Can the ultimate aim of any woman exceed her desires to become a good home maker and a good mother? That there are many other desirable branches of higher education for women, we need not mention. The point which should be cleared is that there be the correct conception of the dignity of service and of training in home economics.

Statistics would undoubtedly show us that there is a more wholesome atmosphere of democracy in our state colleges than in many of the cultural schools. This fact should be significant of a desirable field in which to plant fraternities—assured of a healthful entrance into a long life.—A X Ω *Lyre*.

### Why not the South?

Frequent reference is noted these days in fraternity publications indicating regret among some of the leading fraternities that their organizations are not properly represented in southern institutions which have been making such splendid progress in recent years. Phi Gamma Delta recently published an interesting survey of the situation made by a member who had thoroughly covered the southern states investigating the fraternity situation. The following extracts are taken from the article:

"Of Phi Gamma Delta's first sixteen chapters, eleven were in the South. Three of these passed out of existence before the Civil War days: Gamma chapter at Nashville in 1850, Zeta chapter at Washington college (Tennessee) in 1852, and Iota chapter at Centre in 1856. Eight of our southern chapters were killed by the war: those at Union university, North Carolina, Alabama, Baylor, Howard, Bethel, Virginia, and Kentucky. Some of these were later revived, but only Alabama and Virginia persist to this day. Our other three chapters in the old South, Richmond, Washington and Lee, and Tennessee, were founded since the war."

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"If our southern chapters continue the excellent work they are now doing and if the fraternity as a whole interests itself in the several southern propositions that give promise of successful development, we might well aspire to leadership in a section of the country where fraternity men are born to their work and where sincerity, loyalty and unselfish effort are inherent qualities of the men they select."—Σ N Delta.

Big or little college, which is best?

Two interesting expressions of opinion on state universities as cultural centers and incidentally as fields for fraternity expansion are here voiced. At the convention of Delta Gamma in California last summer, Mr. Banta, fraternity publisher, himself a graduate of the "small college," discussed the question of fraternity expansion in both the small college and the state university. He said:

"We have in this country two classes of institutions. One of these is the college, the old-time college, the college that gave birth in the past to all the great men. That institution has come down from the past changed only as the modern demands for education require the change, still teaching the humanities.

"The other class of institution is the university. . . . The university of America today is not what the university of America will be ten years from now or twenty years from now. The state university of today is undergoing a considerable process of popularization. The humanities are not being put to the front in them. Practical things in this life are being put in the state universities, and that is going on in an intensified degree all the time. . . . In Indiana they have divided the technical work from the other subjects. A heroic attempt has been made to unite the two institutions which offer these subjects. . . . I feel that the state university is less and less going to be the home of the fraternity.

"I am sincerely doubtful whether the great university of this country is going to be a home for the Greek-letter fraternity in twenty years. . . . Such an institution as Chicago is to become more like the universities of Europe. It is the desire of the state universities that they may do away largely with the cultural work."

Knowing something of the vision of Dr. James, the president of the University of Illinois, the editor of the *Adelphian* of Alpha Delta Pi wrote him asking for an expression of his views on the state university as a cultural center. Dr. James responded willingly in the following which we quote from the *Adelphian*:

"I regret to state that in my opinion our state universities, like our other universities in the United States and like all our colleges, are not the cultural centers they ought to be. They leave, in fact, very much to be desired from the point of view of cultured men and women.

"So far, however, from dying out as cultural centers, I believe that they are becoming more and truly cultural centers with every passing year.

"I am very sure that here at Illinois each year sees some perceptible advance in the number of people who are really interested in cultural subjects and interested in academic subjects in general from their cultural aspects. Of course, we have a very large number of students who do not seem to be interested in the cultural aspects of any subjects which they are pursuing or any subject which they might pursue and the number of students drawn from that class in the community is increasing very rapidly in all our university centers, in the oldest as well as the youngest. New classes of society are sending up their boys and girls to the university. Fathers and mothers who are themselves almost illiterate urge their children to go to college. We are

trying in this country to put the benefits of the universities at the disposal of entirely new social classes. The result is that a very large number of students come into the universities out of absolutely uncultured homes, speaking in an ordinary sense, but from homes in which the real fire of aspiration and determination for higher things burns brightly. It is a common complaint of the elders of one generation that the juniors of the next are lacking in all those genuine fundamental higher qualities which so distinguished themselves and the times in which they lived.

‘A race of heroes once I knew

Such as no more these aged eyes shall view.’

was the song of old Homer three thousand years ago, and we find it repeated every day in these modern times.

“In brief, I do not agree at all with the sentiment you mention as Mr. Banta’s.

Faithfully yours,

EDMUND J. JAMES.”

—Quoted from *A Φ Quarterly*.

#### What other reasons?

Where the three conditions we require are fully met, (a) that the academic standing of the college or university shall be of the required grade, (b) that the fraternity situation therein spells potential success for the new chapter, (c) that the petitioners are of the proper material, we are thoroughly in favor of granting a charter, whether the institution is large or small. This is not equivalent to including in our chapter roll institutions that have a cognomen, a seal, and a president, but those only of well recognized standing that are real colleges in rank and tradition. Some of our strongest chapters are located in the smallest, numerically, of our institutions represented, and we believe this should be the real criterion—that the environment should produce a healthy condition at all times by attracting to the group men of real academic standing, of proper fraternal feelings, and possessing moral and ethical qualities that shall brand them always as men among men. We have observed that the small college as often produces these as the larger institutions. In the last analysis men are born, not made, and neither accident of birth, great opportunities, nor geographical location can change the inherent qualities of a human soul. The inspiration of a well-chosen band of intellectual leaders sufficiently numerous to make the collective effort economically comfortable makes a strong chapter wherever it is located. They are now knocking at our door, worthy, strong, vigorous, red-blooded men. Let us open and bid them welcome. Alpha Sigma Phi chooses men worthy to wear the badge and tries to direct them within proper lines to make the most of their opportunities and God-given talents. We do not possess all the virtues of the world and there are groups that are worthy of our protection and that will in turn add strength to us. Alumni, let us have the benefit of your influence in acquiring these petitioners by adding the weight of your experience and advice to the men of your chapters whose duty it is to decide these issues.—*A Σ Φ Tomahawk*.

#### A weak chapter is what?

“What constitutes a weak chapter? It is wholly possible for a chapter to have a large membership, to have captains, managers and prize winners on its rolls, to have an expensive house and many distinguished graduates, and yet to be a weak chapter. On the other hand, it is possible for a chapter to have a small membership, no undergraduate leaders, an inexpensive house and no famous alumni, and yet be a strong chapter. For the strength of a fraternity

group lies most of all in the spirit of brotherhood that prevails among its members. Where there is the fellowship of loyal hearts and kindred interests, there is the only kind of strength that makes fraternity life worth while. Where there is dissension, snobbishness, uncharitableness, nagging, uncongenial tastes, or the display of any unbrotherly qualities, there is the weakness that makes any chapter an injury to its college and a reproach to its fraternity."—*Δ K E Quarterly*.

Could this happen in your house?

An unpopular young man—a poor dancer—phones a girl and invites her to the varsity ball. She explains that she is very sorry, but she has another date for that night and can't possibly go to the varsity ball. She closes the telephone booth and tells the girls all about it, and besides she just knows that a perfectly grand man is going to ask her to go—and now she can't accept!

Tomorrow at eight A. M. notebooks, covering a month's work in chemistry, are due. Tonight is the informal. Of course, we can't miss the informal, but how about the rest of it? So we just get the "stude's" notebook, which simplifies matters.

A German test is on, the Herr professor leaves the classroom, and immediately from covert hiding places appear German-English dictionaries, sundry notes and translations.

A worried home economics student takes the disjointed waist home for mother to straighten out.

In history, slips are to be signed, whether or not the required number of pages of supplementary reading have been covered during the past month. They haven't—but we'll have more time next month and can make it up—so we sign the slip with the good name which our ancestors have given us.

They are indeed petty misdemeanors, but they weaken the firm moral fibre and make for bigger evils.—*X Ω Eleusis*.

Do you sulk?

Be a good soldier. The value of organization, and of the discipline that is a needed part of any organization with a purpose, has always been known and used by the most powerful and successful of individuals and institutions.

Among the institutions and causes that grew along lines of organization and discipline are, the German army, the Woman's suffrage party, the Labor unions, the Standard oil company, the feudal aristocracy of the middle ages and the *Saturday evening post*. Differing as they do, none in its own special field came to bigness without its big measure of organization and discipline.

A college fraternity is not exactly an army, or part of one, but it is an organization, and has its discipline.

Battles are the work of an army. When an army goes into battle, its units and groups, to get results, act together. If some of the members of a company do not approve of the road the army is taking, they do not branch off into some other road by way of registering a protest or because they like it better. They do not rush forward, or backward—if they can help it—in an undisciplined manner.

A spirit of discipline in college days becomes poise and self-control in the later battle of life. A sense of organization and cohesion that is bred in the fraternity house becomes later an ability to get along with other people, to the best advantage for all concerned.

One of the greatest functions of the fraternity is in preparing its members for life after they leave college. In some ways it can do much more than the college itself. Discipline and "team work," so necessary in a thousand ways in

the later years, should be rigidly and insistently practiced among the undergraduates in a college fraternity.

Let the minority in a chapter fight for what it considers right and best up to the minute the vote is taken; let them argue it to the limit of their forensic strength; but when the die is cast, let that settle it.

If they reject your best friend in the freshman class, and you know just who turned down their thumbs, and why; if you find you are holding even the faintest shadow of a grudge against the objectors, you must banish such thoughts from your mind, in the interest of discipline and organization. If the chapter decides to adopt some course of which you have vigorously disapproved, cheerful cooperation is in order. The time for protest, active or passive, is over. The more strongly you opposed the project, the more praiseworthy will be your new efforts to push it to success, for the good of the fraternity.

Being a member of a fraternity, be it right. A good fraternity member is sure to be a good citizen in later life.—*K. K. G. Key.*

## CATALOGUE CORRECTIONS

Alpha Delta 7: Phoebe Jane Appleyard (Mrs. Arthur Staples), we are pleased to announce is not "Dead," but an active member of Pittsburgh alumnae chapter, residing at 735 South avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Alpha Theta 62: Anita Evans is not Mrs. Bartholow Wharton, but Mrs. J. Wharton Bartholow, and lives at 615 Fillmore street, Topeka, Kan.

Alpha Kappa 21: Mrs. Nils Anderson (Marguerite Stephens) lives at 1120 Prospect avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

Addresses wanted for the following Thetas:

Alpha, numbers 16, 168.

Beta, 76, 89.

Ohio Wesleyan, 1.

Indiana Gamma, 4, 15.

Gamma, 37, 41, 55, 67.

Delta prime, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 34, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 54, 57, 58, 83, 108, 111, 114, 118, 120, 121, 123, 129, 131.

Epsilon, 6, 10, 36, 50, 76, 93, 111.

Zeta, 7.

Theta, 9, 20, 25, 33, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 55, 58, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 70, 73, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 84, 85, 87.

Ohio Gamma, 12.

Kappa, 7, 34.

Nu, 16, 17, 19, 42.

Sigma, 32.

Upsilon, 27, 31.

Chi, 31, 36.

Psi, 14.

Alpha Zeta, 95.

Alpha Kappa, 9, 17, 32.

## WITH FRATERNITY OFFICERS

## MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND PRESIDENT

We are always happy in our work when a definite purpose is directing it, and for all Thetas this year the convention next June affords that purpose. Only a few more busy months are left now before we shall be called upon to give account of ourselves and our chapters to the biennial gathering of our fraternity. Have we tried all the plans suggested at Gearhart? Has each chapter put into practice the many fine ideas that her delegate brought home so enthusiastically? No? But there's still the better part of a college year before convention and we can do much in those months. Then, let everyone plan to come to Charlevoix next June to be proud of her own chapter's representatives and to enjoy the pleasure of finding there for the first happy time or for the equally happy second or third or *n*th time hundreds of other girls and women who are as true Thetas as those whom she has already known and loved. All of us can help in one way or another to make this coming convention of ours, Kappa Alpha Theta's twenty-third, the best one that the fraternity has ever known—let us work all through this college year toward that purpose and for our fraternity!

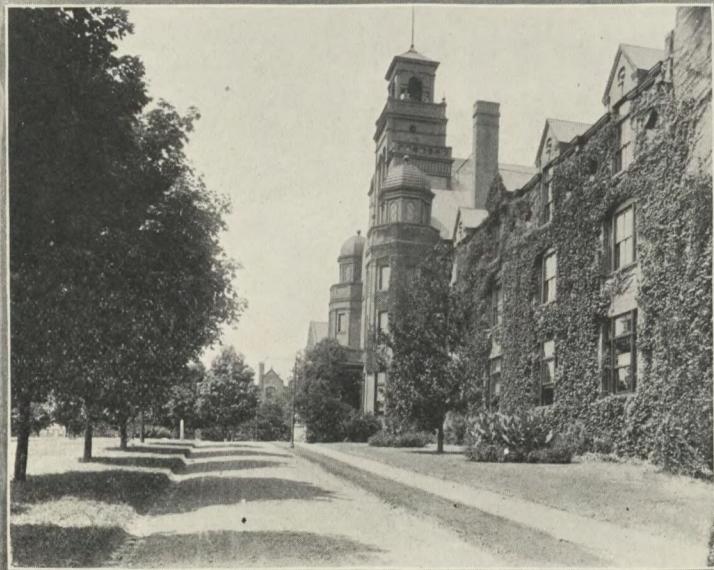
*Hope Davis Mecklin*

## VIEWPOINTS, BEFORE AND AFTER

It does not seem possible that it has been six years since I was in an active chapter and worrying my young head over the question of extension. Yes, I really thought I worried a great deal on the subject as did most of the other girls in our chapter.

I remember so well when one group came up for a vote, the many fraternity meetings devoted to the debate on whether "to be or not to be." Of course, the Council had recommended the petitioning group very highly and all of the Thetas living in the same town with these girls were very much in favor of granting this charter, but you see the Council was crazy on the subject of extension, naturally they would be, when all of their time was devoted to fraternity work, it just naturally *would* go to their heads. Anyway, how *could* the Council know local conditions when so far away, even if three of the members did visit this group for a week! As for the Thetas living in that town—well, of course, they were strong for this local because some of them had daughters in it and would like to see them Thetas, and too, it would help the college so much to have nationals enter. Their interest in Theta was merely of a selfish nature.

To be sure we investigated the field thoroughly! We knew girls in this group, who would never be Thetas at our university and you



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know there was danger of these very undesirable, small college girls transferring to our chapter, which would mean ruination!

But you see, my Theta sisters, how local we were in our reasoning. We forgot to look back and consider what our beloved chapter was when she received her charter. We forgot to obtain an estimate of the number of students in our university at the time Theta entered. We forgot to consider the questions of most importance to national Kappa Alpha Theta in the granting of charters, as for instance the endowment—A. C. A.—Phi Beta Kappa—Rockefeller foundation—classification as given by the United States Bureau of education—the cultural atmosphere of the college—the future of the college or university, and the many other questions the Council decides upon before ever presenting a petition to the chapters for a vote.

This incident of which I have been telling you is imaginary, but at any rate very typical of what many an applying local has gone through for Kappa Alpha Theta. Let us be more charitable and broader minded in the future. Let each chapter take it upon herself to study this big question of the day, extension.

*H. A. F.*

#### INSTALLATION OF OUR BETA BETA CHAPTER

The ceremonies attendant upon the installation of a new chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta I enjoy more than any other phase of my work, and so I was glad when Miss Green and I were chosen to be the two Council representatives to establish our Beta Beta chapter last May. A big part of the pleasure at such a time comes from the assembling of Thetas from colleges or cities near at hand, and at Randolph-Macon, the older Thetas represented six chapters. Swarthmore sent the largest delegation, seven including the District President, Miss Amy Baker, who was one of the officiating Thetas, and Goucher was a close second with six members present. Lambda, Rho, Phi, and Alpha Epsilon were represented by one each. We could not all arrive at the same time, and so the excitement of meeting in trains was as great as in rushing season at the opening of college.

Lynchburg in May is beautiful and Randolph-Macon particularly so. We had little time, however, to enjoy the rolling green campus of the college, for we always had to hurry as we crossed it on our way to the row of fraternity houses on the winding path among the pines. Those homes of other fraternity chapters we appreciated fully, for every one was at our disposal with or without hostesses as the occasion made more fitting. More genuine hospitality than in these houses where we were entertained at teas or left to our own devices we had none of us ever found. Pledging we held in the Delta Delta Delta home, initiation in the Alpha Delta Pi house, and installation with the Theta reception following it in the home of the Alpha Omicron Pi girls. The first Beta Beta chapter meeting was

called to order in the Chi Omega house, whose furnishings may have thought, "Well, these fraternity chapters are not so very different after all!" Truly, all of us who were in Virginia during those May days appreciated this genuine Panhellenic courtesy most deeply.

Our own Randolph-Macon Thetas attended to our every want carefully, so much so that when a sweet-voiced mocking bird sang a beautiful accompaniment to the last and most beautiful part of our initiation ceremony, it seemed as if this, too, might have been a part of their considerate thoughtfulness. They made all the arrangements for our banquet at the Hotel Virginian, where Thetas, of seven chapters now, passed the loving-cup around and pledged anew their loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta. We were proud then and we are proud now of our Beta Beta chapter—may she live long and prosper!

*Hope Davis Mecklin*

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#### EXTENSION FACTS AND FIGURES

The growth of the National Panhellenic fraternities during 1915-16 (up to October, 1916) is as here recorded:

Alpha Chi Omega: Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington state (Pullman).

Alpha Delta Pi: Kansas state, Stanford, Southern Methodist.

Alpha Gamma Delta: California.

Alpha Omicron Pi: Washington (Seattle), Southern Methodist.

Alpha Phi: Oregon, Washburn.

Alpha Xi Delta: Albion, Kansas, Ohio state.

Chi Omega: Southern Methodist, Kansas state.

Delta Delta Delta: Kansas state, Pittsburgh, Southern Methodist, Florida, Indiana.

Delta Gamma: Lawrence, Whitman.

Delta Zeta: California, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati.

Gamma Phi Beta: Colorado agricultural, Kansas, Hollins.

Kappa Alpha Theta: Lawrence, Pittsburgh, Randolph-Macon.

Kappa Delta: Colorado agricultural, Southern Methodist, Bucknell.

Kappa Kappa Gamma: St. Lawrence, Idaho, Kansas state.

Phi Mu: Southern Methodist, Baker, California.

Pi Beta Phi: Kansas state, Nevada, Oregon.

Sigma Kappa: Stanford.

Zeta Tau Alpha: Pittsburgh, Southern Methodist.

## DISTRIBUTION OF CHAPTERS OF WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

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<sup>1</sup> Only colleges that admit women are included in figures.

<sup>2</sup> In these states some fraternity chapters are in colleges not in Class 1 or 2, so in these states the unoccupied fields are one or two more colleges than indicated by figures.

## IN MEMORIAM

MARIION MCINTYRE LOUDON

In the death of Mrs. Guy E. Loudon, at Burlington, Vermont, August 26, 1916, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, through her Burlington chapters, sustains an irreparable loss.

Mrs. Loudon, member of the class of 1899, University of Vermont, and graduate in osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, married immediately after graduation.

The chasteness, the sweetness, and the serenity of her life in the home with her family, were a benediction to all who came within its precincts. Over her face played that rare combination, the light of love, nobility of ideal, and breadth of soul, which, as surely as night follows day, lifts to a higher level other presences. The melody of her voice was typical of the melody of her life.

Her love for Theta and Thetas was exceedingly active. She delighted to extend hospitality and to do her share of chapter work. She may be remembered as a visiting delegate at Minnewaska and Gearhart conventions and for many years, as corresponding secretary of Burlington alumnae.

E. Mabel Brownell, '01

## JEAN FINDLAY POTTS

Jean Findlay Potts, of Iota of *Kappa Alpha Theta*, died at Troy, New York, June 29, 1916, as the result of injuries sustained while riding. Born February 9, 1889, and a graduate of the Troy high school, class of 1908, and of Cornell university, class of 1912, she had been for four years a teacher of English and French, occupying positions in the Lansingburgh high school, the Troy high school, and, at the time of her death, the Bennett school, Millbrook, New York. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Potts, a brother, Henry Wilson Potts, and two sisters, Abbie Findlay Potts, Cornell 1906, and Mrs. George Edmounde Saunders (Katherine Wilson Potts), Cornell 1912. Both sisters are members of Iota of *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

IN MEMORY  
THE LONE RIDER

With faith and love to speed thy errantry,  
Thyself about thee as a coat-of-mail,  
Thyself filled with thee—perfect living grail,  
Riding in quest of what thyself shalt be. . .

Out of thy years of youth and chivalry,  
Past the old human hamlet in the dale,  
Athwart the springtime surge, up, out of hail,  
Over the crest into . . . some west country. . .

Wherever peers the watch for beacon light  
Toward far horizons of the eager will,  
Or wistful eyes await at hush of night  
Some glow upon a loved, mysterious sill,  
The herald heart beats out to ear and sight,  
Dauntless and blithe, a rider on the hill.

—A. F. P.

**MILDRED ELIZABETH BAIRD**

With deepest sorrow, Chi of Kappa Alpha Theta announces the death of Mildred Elizabeth Baird '14.

**NOTICES**

To all Thetas living, or visiting, in New York. Every second and fourth Tuesday at 22 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, Alpha Kappa would like to see you. Meeting at three and dinner at six. A postal to let us know that you are coming will be greatly appreciated.

Chicago alumnae meets at 11 A. M. on the third Saturday of each month in the Blue Fountain Room, Marshall Field's Tearoom. Luncheon at 12:30. All Thetas are most welcome.

Left at Winnwood Farm during District V convention—2 pairs white kid gloves, one with white stitching, one with black. Owner can have same by writing the District president, Marie Davis, 5527 Waterman avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

## CHAPTER NEWS

[It was our intention to include a summary from the May chapter letters—not printed because of the catalogue—but lack of space crowded out that very interesting news.

For typewritten copy, Alpha, Lambda, Mu, Tau, Psi, Omega, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Eta, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Chi—we thank you. To all the editors we send our appreciation of your careful work for this issue. Preparation of this section took only three hours, as against a usual seven to ten hours, and only one letter had to have much revision.—L. P. G.]

## ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

After three weeks of very strenuous and successful rushing, Alpha is proud to introduce ten new wearers of the black and gold. They are Marjorie Hughes, Greenfield; Carol Ridpath, Indianapolis; Cassandra Love, Danville, Illinois; Margaret Laughlin, Paris, Illinois; Eleanor Swartz, Delphi; Pearl Rupel, South Bend; Margaret Spaulding, Anderson; Elizabeth Iliff, Crawfordsville; Frances Hester, Greencastle; and Mary Ellen Martin, Attica. Our rush was carried on in the manner which proved successful last year, with two weeks of "getting acquainted" with very strict rules, followed by a week of open rush. Besides afternoon calls, we gave three informal parties, a butterfly dance, a Japanese party, and a "Choo-choo" party, with everything done up in true Pullman style.

As to the university, things are prospering in an almost fairy tale manner. Although we are just beginning to be accustomed to our luxurious new gymnasium, we are preparing for just as much satisfaction from the new women's dormitory, the gift of Mr. Rector, of Chicago, and a new administration building, the gift of the Studebaker family of South Bend. The gifts which made these buildings possible, along with other gifts, totalling \$244,000, were announced last Commencement. While we think of Commencement, we must not forget to announce that Genevieve Briggs, of last year's seniors, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Besides the rushing festivities, we have had delightful visits from some of the girls of Beta, and also from some of our own alumnae, Elizabeth von Behren, Emily Netterville, Mrs. James B. Davis (Clarice Weer), and Mrs. Joseph Wilkin (Erma Hoelscher). At the time of the football game between De Pauw and Indiana university, September 30, about ten of our girls spent the week-end with Beta chapter, and the following week-end several of the girls visited Alpha Chi.

7 October 1916

*Jessie Gobin*

'87 Sevilla Cleveland Axtell (Mrs W. H.) has been nominated for Congress at a recent primary in Bellingham, Wash.

'11 Edna Bence was married to Arthur V. Loring on Sept. 7, in Greencastle. Address, 115 Allen blvd. Kalamazoo, Mich.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs Herbert Cornelius (Josephine Allen) a daughter, Sept. 25. Address, 3009 Park av. Indianapolis, Ind.

'12 Gladys Martin was our guest on Pledge-day, Sept. 29.

'12-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fry (Lucille Marshall) a daughter, at Linton, Ind.

'14 Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Margaret L. Keiper and Ernest M. Dailey,  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ , at Lafayette, Ind. Oct. 17. Address after Dec. 1, Utica, Mo.

'15 Elsie Marshall was married Sept. 19 to Mr Franklin G. Davidson,  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ , at Crawfordsville. Address, 201 Strathcona av. Cambridge, Mass.

'15 Clarice Weer was married in Aug. to Mr James B. Davis,  $\Sigma X$ , in Anderson. They are now at home in Brazil, Ind.

'19 Elizabeth Horner is attending the University of Wisconsin this year.

'19 Helen Brosius and Laura Martin were unable to return to college because of illness at home.

#### BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Last spring our chapter was the proud possessor of four brides-to-be. They were Esther McNaull, Esther Mayer, Florence Jourdan, and Ruth Clark. One of the lovely occasions of our last month in college was a shower for these girls. It was given by Luella Smith, our India member, and was a great deal like many other lovely showers except that the little sisters of four Thetas carried in the presents in large decorated baskets. Ruth followed a tradition of her family and was married on the day of her graduation.

Probably a great many of our readers, and particularly our own alumnae, have heard about our Pageant. It was given on May 16, 17 and 18, on the University campus, and over one thousand people took part in it. One of the important things about it—to us, at least—was that two Kappa Alpha Thetas had the important places in it. Esther McNaull had the leadership of all the dancing, and Mary Rieman took the part of the state of Indiana; and the fine thing is, they were chosen for merit, and not because they had any pull.

An interesting experiment has been started here this fall by Miss Swain, the head of the Home economics department. She has organized a class of all the table-managers in college. The class consists of round-table discussions of a great many problems common to all the girls and men who do that work. They help each other in making out menus, and the plan is to do cooperative buying. Thus far, the class has been very successful.

Counting our three affiliates from Gamma, and our twenty-four pledges, we have a chapter of forty-eight this year. Our affiliates are Mary Lockhead, Helen Tipton, and Mary Wheeler. With our seniors gone and our freshmen not to be initiated until February, our chapter at present seems quite small. We can scarcely wait to initiate our new girls, for we are so proud of them, and so glad to introduce them to you. They are: Frieda Hershey, Lucile White, Martha Wylie, Josephine Piercy, Ninetta Illingsworth, all of

Bloomington; Martha Rabb, Edna Hind, Louise Wills, Julia Tuteweiler, Ruth Hardin, Gertrude Ellenwood, Grace Parrott, Lorene Ray, Dorothy Foreman, all of Indianapolis; Aleen Rice, Petersburg; Katherine Glascock, Kingman; Ruth Lindorfer and Harriet Clark, of Garrett; Jean Springer, Crawfordsville; Dorothy Beckwith, Los Angeles, California; Mary Gilmore and Blendeane Clute, of Lebanon; Gertrude Benner, Burlington, Iowa; Hattie Corey, Argos.

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*Ruth White*

'13 Born to Gladys Rieman Hamilton (Mrs Rob) a daughter.

'16 Florence Jourdan and Esther Mayer are back in college working on their A.M. degrees.

'71 We are glad to have as one of our pledges this fall, Martha Wylie, whose aunt, Lizzie Harbison Dunn (Mrs James H.) was a charter member of Beta chapter.

'16 Esther McNaull was married to George Hall Hyslop on Aug. 9. Her home is in New York.

'16 Ruth Clark was married to Robert Neff on June 14. Mr Neff is the Registrar of the Medical College at Indianapolis.

'16 Mary Rieman and Hilda Springer have both been honored by receiving excellent teaching positions in their home towns; Mary in Connersville and Hilda in Bloomington.

Grace Weills is reading this winter under the direction of the Eastern Lyceum bureau, Boston.

#### GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Our term dance, an informal reception for all Gamma Thetas, a party Commencement night, a picnic at Anna Junge's, and a farewell party for the seniors at Lola Conner's, were sandwiched into the usual Commencement week festivities.

As most of the students of Butler live in Indianapolis, it is convenient to rush during the summer months. Some of the parties were afternoon affairs; but the last ones were a dance at the Indianapolis Canoe club and a banquet at the Claypool hotel. The alumnae gave a beautiful reception for all Thetas and their rushees. On matriculation day there was a spread at the home of Marjorie and Berenice Hall. Matriculation day was Wednesday; on Thursday at four o'clock silence began and continued until Friday afternoon. Pledging was held at the home of Ilene and Mildred Morgan on Saturday, September 17. From out the smoke of an extraordinarily hot rushing battle, we have pledged the following fine freshmen to be loyal to us: Ruth Marquis, Virginia Allen, Helen Biederman, Frieda Steinman, Louise Stewart, Helen Marsh, and Mrs. Thomas (Pearl Lomax), of Indianapolis; Margaret Rose, of Martinsville; Helen Morgan, of Greenfield; Marie Hamilton, of Rensselaer; Lois Blount, of Tipton; and a sophomore, Mary O'Haver, of Indianapolis.

On September 15, we initiated the following loyal pledges of last year at the home of Mrs. Mick: Florence Fuller, Laura Pantzer, Jean Brown, India Wilson, Ione Wilson, Genevieve Downs, Hazel Rodebaugh, Marybelle Pigman, Marianne Copeland, Edith Dailey, and Helen Andrews.

More freshmen have registered at Butler this fall than ever before in the history of the college. The dormitory cannot accommodate all the girls. Professor Harrison, from Kenyon college, is to take the place of Professor Kenyon, who has gone to Hiram college. Miss Evelyn Butler has left for a year, Miss Carolyn Welling is to occupy her position in the college, and Miss Chandler will act in her place as dean of the dormitory.

#### *Virginia Kingsbury*

'18 In Oct. Genevieve King will go to California for the winter and will enter Stanford.

'18 Irene Pritchard will not be in college this semester.

Mary Lockhead '17, and Mary Wheeler '18, and Leah Henry have entered Indiana university.

Helen Duke '18, and Charlotte Galpin '17, have entered Wisconsin university.

'19 Helen Balz will be at the University of Michigan this year.

Born to Mr and Mrs Claris Adams (Ruth Davenport) a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, on May 29.

'12-ex Born to Mr and Mrs G. L. Moffet (Florence McHatton) on June 6, a son, James William.

'11 Born to Mr and Mrs S. J. Offutt on May 14, a daughter, Margaret Anne.

'17 Urith Dailey and Lola Conner attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva.

'16 Irma Weyerbacher is teaching in Monticello, Ind.

'18 Edith Silver will be in Ripon college, Wisconsin, this year.

'16 Katharine Jameson, poetess of last June's class, will study at Radcliffe this winter.

'16 Miriam Wilson has entered Chicago university.

'18 Virginia Kingsbury has gone to Swarthmore.

'15 Beth Wilson is teaching in Lafayette and acting as chaperon for Alpha Chi.

'14 Cornelia Thornton was married to Herschell A. Morrison of Moline, Ill. on Sept. 19.

Laura Lindley was married to Samuel Searle in June.

Mrs A. B. Schulz (Helen Lewis) is back in college.

#### DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The new college year has already brought us fourteen new girls. Rushing season was ended September 30 with the pledging of Anne Chesley, Urbana, sister of Alice Chesley Whitehead; Charlotte Ward, Urbana, sister of Cecilia Ward; Harriett Halladay, Streator, sister of Lewise Halladay, Psi; Martha Humphrey, St. Louis, Missouri, sister of Helen Humphrey, Alpha Iota, and daughter of Louise Richardson Humphrey, Zeta; Grace Heitsmith, South Bend, Indiana, sister of Althea Heitsmith, Upsilon; Katherine Eisner,

Champaign; Eunice Lyon, Dubuque, Iowa; Bernice McNair, Tolona; Marjorie Jones and Emily Logan, both of St. Louis, Missouri; Winifred Carlson, Chicago; Margaret Miles, La Grange; Florence Mickey, McComb; Ruth Detwiler, Aledo.

We were very much surprised and greatly pleased at our first chapter meeting this fall, when Marion Leatherman, our alumna adviser and constant friend, rewarded us for our rank in scholarship with a beautiful silver loving-cup. She asks that it be used as a scholarship cup, and that each semester our rank, with respect to the other fraternities, be engraved on the back of it. We hope, in turn, to reward Marion and ourselves by keeping that record always "First," as it has started.

Mrs. Clark, our former chaperon, was, unfortunately, unable to be with us again. We were desperate for a few days and were lucky enough to be able to call on our town alumnae, our patronesses, and our town girls' mothers for assistance. They were all wonderfully responsive, and what seemed at first a very unfortunate condition, proved to be a means of getting better acquainted with these lovely people. Mrs. Ward, mother of Cecilia and Charlotte, and a Theta patroness, has moved into the house to stay until we secure a permanent chaperon.

Miss Kyle, for three years Dean of women in the university, has been succeeded by Dr. Fanny Cook Gates, an Alpha Phi, of Northwestern university. Dr. Gates was for some time professor of physics at Goucher college, and has for three years been Dean of women at Grinnell college, Grinnell, Iowa.

A wonderfully complete dormitory for women students is being built in Urbana, and will be ready for occupation next fall. The building will accommodate one hundred girls and fill an urgent need in the university.

'08-ex Announcement has been made of the engagement of Emma Bullard to Clark Ellington of Mechanicsburg. The wedding will take place this fall.

'17-ex Hortense Gettys was married June 10 to Roger E. Hill, A T Ω. Address: 4344½ N. Winchester av. Chicago.

Abby Schaefer, Beta, is registered in the household science department.

'16 Helen Whipple is teaching French and Spanish at her home in Medina, N. Y.

'15 Jane Link, who is teaching mathematics and history in Rantoul, Ill. is back almost every week-end to visit her parents and the chapter.

'18-ex Alice Chesley was married to Paul Whitehead, Φ K Ψ, on June 15.

'17 Edna Goettler is teaching in Tuscola, and has spent every week-end at Delta rushing parties in Champaign.

Marie Hedrick, Kappa, is studying library science in the university this year.

'14 Helen Cushing was married to Otis Helfrich, Φ Γ Δ, on Aug. 22.

'15 Beatrice Copley has a position in the rhetoric department of the university.

'14-ex Ella Burns was married to Arthur Miles, Δ K E, June 10.

'15 Juanita Richardson is still in charge of the cafeteria in the Urbana high school.

Hortense Gettys Hill, Alice Chesley Whitehead, Esther Lynch, Edna Goettler and Jane Link were all at "Formal Dinner."  
'17-ex Patience Penniwell is in St. Louis for the winter.

## ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The chief item of interest at this time is our new chapter house. We had hoped to be in it for this fall's rushing, but that is now impossible; we expect to be settled, however, by Thanksgiving. Our patronesses have very kindly offered their homes for our entertaining, so that we feel we are unusually fortunate.

Since the last published letter we have pledged Gladys Eulette of Chicago, Olivia Demmon of Grand Rapids, niece of Professor Demmon of the English department, and Margaret Atkinson of Toledo.

We enjoyed short visits from Helen Baker and Margaret Irving before college closed.

In the spring the junior girls' play was presented to the public for the first time. There were eight Theta juniors taking part.

The Shakespearean pageant was presented by the Woman's league on May 5. It consisted of scenes from Shakespeare's plays presented by the villagers for their queen's amusement. There were seven Thetas taking part. Ellen Sargent arranged the music.

The All-Nation Revue was elaborately staged by the Cosmopolitan club to emphasize their ideal—"Above all nations, humanity."

The tennis tournaments in June went quite favorably for Thetas. We won the championship of Newberry residence, of Martha Cook building, and of the freshman, junior, and senior classes.

An Alumni University day has been established here. It offers interested alumni the opportunity to visit the college on that one day to see classes and laboratories in session, and to hear special talks on the needs and accomplishments of the university.

The Board of regents has installed a Chair of military science, eliminating the compulsory feature.

The university is, in the future, to confer degrees, *with distinction, and with great distinction.*

The Board of regents has voted \$350,000 for the remodeling of the university library.

Those interested in utilizing the university during the summer months will be glad to know that this year there were 1782 students enrolled in the summer session—an increase of 150 over last year.

27 September 1916

Doris E. Porter

'06 Born to Mr and Mrs W. E. Emley (Annie White) on Aug. 24, 1916, a son, W. E. Emley, jr.

'08 Mrs Geo. H. Brown (Mary White) has moved to New Brunswick, N. J. where Mr Brown is professor of ceramics at Rutgers college.

'12 Married, June 24, 1916, at Freemont, Mich. Gladys Pearson to John Alexander Scott, jr. Address: 1855 Jancey st. E. E. Pittsburgh, Pa.

'14 Married in Ann Arbor, Stella Roth to William Orlan Boston, instructor in the engineering department of the university. Mr and Mrs Boston are living in Ann Arbor.

'14 Born to Lois Douglas Weaver (Mrs Frank) a daughter, Lois Douglas, in July.

'14 Born to Isabel Rizer Everett (Mrs Raymond) a son, Henry Rizer, in June.

'14 Ellen Earle Riggs is to be at the head of the Household arts department of Yankton college, Yankton, S. D.

'14 Grace Babcock is executive secretary of the Congregational training school from which she was graduated in '16. Address: 315 S. Ashland av. Chicago.

'14 Married, Leona Riorden to William Hart,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ , on April 25.

'15 Married in Ann Arbor, Genevieve Riggs to William Banton Thom,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ . Married, Ruby Severance to Rea Burke Gripman. Mr and Mrs Gripman are living in Winsor, Can.

Esther Shaw, Mt. Holyoke graduate, received her doctor's degree in June. She is assistant professor of English in Lake Erie college, Painesville, Ohio.

Marion Peterson, Vassar graduate '15, is attending Columbia where she is studying to be a dietician.

Mary Yost, Vassar '04, was in Ann Arbor a short time this summer working for her doctor's degree.

'16 Muriel Tyson has been granted a reading fellowship for this year. She is assistant in the rhetoric department of the university.

'16 Gertrude Roos is instructor in music in Manistique, Mich.

'16 Ellen Sargent has opened a music studio in Ann Arbor.

'16 Beatrice Lambrecht is teaching in the St. Joseph high school.

'16 Esther Cook is teaching in the Toledo high school. Address: 1025 Grand av.

'16 Marie Zieger is teaching in the Niagara falls schools.

'17-ex Olivia Williams was elected to Mortar Board, senior honorary society.

'18 Constance Winchell was elected to membership in Wyvern, honorary junior women's society.

Esther Shaw was one of three women to be elected to membership in Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society.

'17-ex Married in Highland Park, Ill. Dorothy Bastin to Wilbur Brotherton,  $Z\Psi$ . Mr and Mrs Brotherton are living at 520 Church st. Ann Arbor.

'17 Olivia Williams is doing playground work in Detroit.

'19-ex Emma Riggs is attending Elmira college this year.

Bretta Crapster of Swarthmore was in Ann Arbor on playground work this summer.

Marion Manley, University of Illinois, and Gladys Lynch were here for summer school.

#### IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Just at present, Iota is laboring under a host of difficulties. Due to the non-arrival of a carload of lumber, our new house will not be ready for four weeks. So, with the Delta Gammas, whose house is also unfinished, we are camping in "Queer Quarry quarters." With rushing only two weeks off, and living quite far down the Hill, we are a trifle hampered. Everyone, however, is in good spirits and ready to work with enthusiasm.

We are very happy to get into our new house, though of course we miss our last year's seniors, Jean Holmes, Helen Spalding, Mar-

garet McClanahan, Anna Kerr, Ruth MacClelland, Iris Bassett, and Catherine Bard, the last of whom was elected to Phi Beta Kappa; and we mourn the loss of Katherine Rodger, Gladys Gilkey, and Dorothy Ashley who, on account of illness, cannot return this term. We have three girls from Alpha Kappa and one from Psi with us this year, which is certainly fine.

One of last year's seniors, Ruth MacClelland, was married this fall and is coming to Ithaca to live.

There will probably be thirteen girls in the chapter house, with a very lovely chaperon, Miss Sudderminster, who, though not a Theta, is very much interested and a wonderful help. A Theta alumna from Alpha Zeta, who lives in Ithaca, Mrs. L. P. Smith, is doing all sorts of things for us, among others she is furnishing our living-room. Most of our alumnae have responded beautifully to our letters asking for help in furnishing the house, and those in Ithaca are particularly generous. It helps to make us realize how much the fraternity means to its members when we read an enthusiastic letter from a long-ago graduate, living, perhaps, far away, containing also a nice check.

College opened so late, due to the infantile paralysis quarantine, that we are just getting started and will be busy rushing the list of recommended freshmen until just before Thanksgiving.

On October 14 we initiated Elizabeth Stufflebeam, who was pledged last spring; she is a splendid addition to the chapter.

The biggest improvement in the university is the new drill hall, a huge building well on the way to completion. Mrs. Martin, our adviser of women, is no longer with us. Dr. Matzke, university physician for women, is taking her place until we have a Dean of women.

Our tiny temporary chapter-room is filled to overflowing when we discuss with much fun and enthusiasm, though very seriously, hemming curtains, how many blankets, forks, and sofa cushions we need and like details. It is certainly thrilling to move into a wonderful new house, particularly when we have never had one, and present difficulties are hardly noticed, for everyone is willing and ready to pass them all over with a smile and to work to make the coming year one of the most successful, and for others as well as ourselves, the happiest and most memorable in Iota's history.

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Sue Bontecou Webb (Mrs C. W.) is now living in Clifton Springs, N. Y.  
'12 Married, Aug. 3, at Harrisburg, Va. Marie Allebaugh Beard and James Gaillard Scott.

'16 Married, Oct. 14, at Brooklyn, N. Y. Ruth Jane MacClelland and Dr William Forrest Lee. At home after Dec. 14, at 416 Eddy st. Ithaca, N. Y.

Helen Tiebout, Adela Girdner, and Evelyn Girdner, Alpha Kappa, are registered at Cornell this year, as is Katherine Coville of Psi.

Mary Johnson, Alpha Theta, visited in Ithaca this summer.

'16 Iris Basset visited us the past week-end.

'19 Gladys Gilkey is very ill with typhoid fever.

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Although our rushing season was shortened from ten days to seven days this year, it was, nevertheless a strenuous one. We are extremely proud of our twelve pledges—Margaret Brown, Lawrence; Alma Craig, Wichita; Jessie Craig, Osage City; Elizabeth Goodjohn, Leavenworth; Anita Humphrey, Chanute; Louisa Miller, Iola; Chlora Riggs and Esther Johnson, Emporia; Mildred Schwinn, Wellington; Frances Strickland, Hunnewell; Mary Wood, Minneapolis, Kansas; and Jessie Wyatt, Lawrence.

Rushing rules were very definitely stated, and strictly enforced by a penalizing board composed of members of college Panhellenic. Rushing was allowed between 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. only. Rushing with men was discouraged.

Second semester initiation is a college Panhellenic ruling this year; the scholarship standard requires that a grade of "2" be made in each course.

Our delegates to District V convention, held in June, brought back many fine plans, several of which we have adopted. Since we have second semester initiation now, weekly pledge meetings are to be held to keep the freshmen in close touch with fraternity life and spirit. The constitution will be read, Theta songs learned, and talks on subjects relating to the fraternity and the college given by upper-classmen. To inspire the freshmen with "straight 1" ambitions, a Theta pin is to be given to the one making the highest grades this semester.

We have twenty-one girls back. Evelyn Hall, Charlotte Fox, Barbara Abel, and Katherine Keizer did not return. Barbara has entered Northwestern university, and Charlotte is attending Iowa state university. Pauline Carr, Alpha Omicron, has affiliated with us.

At present, interior decoration has become our vocation, revealing all types of artistic ability in that line. Third floor, in spite of its double deckers, is fast becoming a dangerous rival of second floor with its real beds.

Kappa wishes that every Theta chapter may have a happy and successful year.

5 October 1916

*Elsie Patterson*

'15 Marie Hedrick has entered the Library school of the University of Illinois this fall.

'13-ex Julian Senhausen has returned to college.

The alumnae who returned for rushing are: Sara Morrison '12-ex, Virginia Stone '18-ex, Katherine Keizer '17-ex, Mabel Thornton Wilson (Mrs Harold) '15-ex, Vera Atkinson '12, Nellie Taylor Musselman (Mrs John) '12, Hazel Allison Forde (Mrs Edgar) '10, Helen Topping '16, Ruth Lawson Somers (Mrs Claude) '15-ex, Mary McClure '17-ex, Frederika Hodder '13, Gale Gassett Dietrick (Mrs Roy) '12.

Marguerite Kiene '16, and Catherine Harrison '18, of Alpha Upsilon; Neva Rogers '17, of Alpha Omicron; and Dorothy Martin '15, of Tau visited us during rushing.

'16 Maria Slade is teaching in Valley Falls, Kan. this year.

'16 Naomi Simpson is teaching English in the high school in Winfield, Kan.

Married, Sept. 29, Helen Gleissuer and Ernest Morse. At home at Abilene, Kan.

Married, Sept. 9, Evelyn Hall and Eugene Wulfkuhler.

'19 Vivien Bretherton did not return to college this semester. She is teaching in the public schools in Portland, Ore.

'18 Charlotte Fox, who came to us last year from Alpha Eta, is attending Iowa State university this year.

Married, June 17, Letitia Blakey and Ivon Burkett.

'17 Irene Henshall is attending the University of Southern California this year.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

College opened only two days ago, and we are still looking forward to our first fraternity meeting. Hence our news consists of events of last year.

During the spring we held another series of informal teas for all the girls in college, and the Delta Delta Delta girls played the part of hostesses most hospitably at a series of Saturday afternoon teas in their pretty rooms.

At the Julia Spear prize reading, Founders' day, May 1, Frances Field, one of our 1919 initiates, won the first prize of twenty-five dollars. Elections to Akraia, the senior honorary society for women, were announced at the same time, Jennie Maxfield '17, and Edith Holdstock '17, being two of those chosen. Jennie Maxfield is also president of Young Woman's Christian association this year.

On June 9 we gave a dance, the social event of our fraternity year. Through the courtesy of the Ethan Allen club we were able to hold it in their attractive club home, which added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Commencement week was filled with good things. The celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University of Vermont and of the admission of the state of Vermont to the Union brought back many alumnae. Over seventy Thetas came to June spread, to listen to the sparkling toasts and delightful reminiscences of the alumnae. At the Class day exercises, Ruth Brown Grandy '16, delivered the class essay, and Ruth Browne Adams '16, the class poem.

This year, two faculty changes are of especial interest to us. Miss Marshall, a much loved home economics teacher, is now in Columbia, and her place is taken by Miss Potter. The department of physical education is to be in charge of Mrs. Fletcher, who is bringing to us just the trained leadership and enthusiasm that we need in our athletics.

And in all modesty, but bursting with joy, we make our final announcement: On opening day, Kappa Alpha Theta was awarded the beautiful Mabel Nelson Jacobs memorial cup, for attaining the highest average in scholarship of any fraternity during the year 1915-16!

29 September 1916

*Pearl M. Grandy*

'17 Elizabeth Baker is at her home recovering from an operation.  
'06-ex Elizabeth B. Collier was in Burlington this summer giving a course of lectures at summer school.

'14 Ann Thomas, Alpha Epsilon, was in Burlington a few days this summer. Professor and Mrs W. P. Burris, Alpha, and daughter, Elizabeth, of Cincinnati were in Burlington this summer.

'16 Ruth Adams is teaching in Bradford academy at Bradford, Vt.  
'16 Ethel Ward is working in the Billings library, Burlington, Vt.  
'16 Ruth Grandy will be at her home in Burlington, Vt. this year.  
'16 Helen Butler is teaching English and French in the high school at Johnson, Vt. She has announced her engagement to Lawrence Hills, K. Σ.  
'16 Gladys Fauley is teaching in the high school at Bennington, Vt.  
'16 Katherine Dudley is teaching in the North Bennington high school.  
'15-ex Mrs Daniel R. Grandy (Marjorie Reed) has moved to 27 Hamilton st. East Orange, N. J.

'14 Beatrice Moore has returned to New York to continue her study of music with Theodore Hoeck.

'16 Constance Votey is working at the Woman's industrial union, Boston, and taking special courses at Simmons college.

'16-ex Dorothy Votey is studying at Miss Niel's kindergarten training school in Boston.

'15 Irene Barrett is teaching in Winooski, Vt.  
'15 Grace Scofield is taking up special work at the University of Vermont.  
'13 Mary Simpson is teaching in Montpelier, Vt.  
'17 Jennie Maxfield, Helen Hall '18, Mildred Chapin '18, Frances Field '19, and Mary Sparks '18, attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay this summer.  
'96 Mrs Manchee, Mrs Simonds, '15, Mrs Camfield, '96, Mrs Downing, '89, Mrs Peck '91, Mrs Bosworth '91, Mrs Sternberg '11, Mrs Waterman '08, Mary Simpson '13, Mrs Deyette '85, Florence May '96, Mary Carr Tewksbury '99, Mrs Wyman '94, Helen Cramton '10, Edith Coulman '13, Annie Baker '78, Nina Shephardson '14, Ruth Tracy '11, Mrs Webster '99, were present at the annual June spread.

#### MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Nineteen Thetas returned to Allegheny on September 20, eager to assume the duties of another college year. We are unfortunate, however, in losing Jessie Howell '18, who is now taking a course in physical culture at Oberlin.

This time we Alleghenians have something to boast of! It is our Theta camp which began immediately after Commencement was over in June. Every member of Mu, whether of the alumnae or of the college chapter, who could make it possible, visited Aircastle (which was situated on a bluff overlooking Lake Erie) at some time

during our two weeks' sojourn there. The outing was a success to the last degree. In fact it ended with so much enthusiasm and happiness that not only plans for next year's camp are being discussed, but even plans for building a cottage of our own are under way.

As to our college, the most obvious changes are among the faculty members. The entire English department has new professors; the heads of the departments of history and geology have changed; and there are several new assistants in the science courses. These science departments are increasing very rapidly, and it is to be anticipated that very soon Allegheny will be recognized particularly for the excellent courses offered in chemistry and biology.

Instead of the annual Poster-fight, which is undergone disastrously by the two underclasses, a systematic combat was planned and instigated by the senior class. The idea of having this conflict supervised and planned by the senior class was to avoid the usual trouble arising from overlooked rules and disregard of college property.

On May 27, Klee-o-Kleet, the girls' dramatic club, presented *Mice and Men*. Helen Abrams '19, playing the leading rôle as Peggy, completely carried away the audience with her clever and altogether charming presentation of the winsome little orphan.

29 September 1916

Adelaide Singley

Alumnæ visiting Theta camp were as follows: Mrs Mae Straw Root, Florence Peterson, Annie Bishop, Margaret Simpson, Augusta Gibbons, Dorothy Sansom Dotterrer, Josephine Singley Caldwell, Helen Murray, Beulah Grauel, Lottie Hammett, Bess Metcalf, Margaret Yingling Lange, Muza Anchors, Rachel Cleveland, Agnes McMahon, Faye Barnes, Florence Grauel Miller, Marion R. Miller, and Blanche Taylor.

'95 Clara Campbell is studying medicine at Harvard university.

'06 Effie Milliren visited in Meadville this fall, the guest of Florence Grauel Miller.

'08 Nulu Neale, Fay Neale '16-ex, Agnes McMahon '15, Rachel Cleveland '17-ex, Gertrude Hammond '14, and Margaret Simpson '15, were guests of the wedding of Josephine Singley '15.

'08 Nulu Neale is teaching in Kane, Pa. Miss Neale and Miss Katherine Illingsworth attended summer school at Columbia university.

'10 Grace Miller and Marguerite Shelmadine '12, attended the Harvard summer school.

'11 Bess Metcalf, teaching in Jamestown, N. Y. has announced her engagement to Jesse Robinson,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ .

'12 Augusta Gibbons visited in town recently, the guest of Rachel Smith '14.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs E. P. Daniels (Helene Peck) a daughter, Jane.

'13 Married, Sept. 16, Dorothy Sansom and William Dotterrer,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ . Mr and Mrs Dotterrer will make their home in Princeton, N. J.

'15 Married, April 15, Josephine Singley to Albert E. Caldwell, of Erie, Pa.

'15 Married, Sept. 1, Dorothea Abrams and Paul Johnston,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ . Mr and Mrs Johnston are now living in Boston, Mass.

'14 Married, June 27, Ruth Dodd and Richard Kahle,  $\Phi\mathrm{K}\Psi$ . Address: 262 Vidal st. Sarnia, Ont. Can.

'16 Helen Adams is spending the winter in Meadville.

'16-ex Alice Hawkey attended the Wisconsin university summer school. She spent several days this fall in town, the guest of Blanche Taylor '16.

'16 Blanche Taylor has accepted a position in the high school at Linesville, Pa.

'16 Marion Miller will teach in the high school at Franklin, Pa. during this school year.

#### RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Rho sends you her happiest and most enthusiastic greetings. Summer vacation flew by with a rush of joy and new experiences, and now we are beginning to settle down again into the usual routine of our university life.

The first few days of our "home-coming" were filled with great expectancy. There was our splendid new house to move into, our new chaperon, Mrs. Stivers, to introduce, a fine visit from Mrs. Macklin and Miss Green to enjoy, and last but not least came the anxiety over our short rushing period. What busy days they were, and how loyally our alumnae came to our assistance. Our parties consisted of a dinner, a cotillion, given wholly by our alumnae, a luncheon in our new home, an informal tea and the usual theatricals at the house. On September 25, we were proud and happy to pledge these eleven new girls: Dorothy Lynn of Grand Island; Ruth Wilson and Bernice Borchers of Nebraska City; Louise Bailey and Florence Jenks of Omaha; Alice Temple of Lexington; Dorothy Wetherald of Hebron; Martha Garrett of Madison; Margaret Dodge of Fremont; Rachael Trester of Lincoln; and Alene Mitten of Tekamah.

At the close of the spring term six of our Thetas were graduated. Catherine Atwood, Alice Proudfit, Margerete Marshall, Florence Angle, Helen Matteson, and Lula Mae Coe. Besides these six seniors, Helen Quinn, Loa Howard, Margaret Lourie, Clara Lindley, Gertrude McGee, and Ruth Farhnam, were unable to be back this semester.

Rho's six representatives came home from District convention filled to the brim with true Theta spirit. Ruth Farhnam won the fraternity examination and District V presented her with a silver loving-cup for Rho. Can you imagine our pride in her and her prize? The convention made us all feel that our district is wonderfully strong in close unity and lasting friendships.

Before closing I must mention that two of our seniors were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. They were Catherine Atwood and Florence Angle, and besides, Florence was chosen May Queen by the girls of the senior class.

The university is looking forward to a wonderful year, full of victory and attainment. Since our house is such a source of pride

just now, I want to add that Rho cordially invites every Theta to visit us and our university.

5 October 1916

*Helen Cook*

Born to Mr and Mrs V. B. Huffman (Martha Cline) on Apr. 6, 1916, a son, Yale Bryant Hoffman, II.

Born to Mr and Mrs T. M. Priestley (Jessie Macfarland) on Apr. 21, 1916, a daughter, Catherine Jane. Address: Mineral Point, Wis.

'07 Zola Dellecker (Mrs Gantt) of Omaha came down to help us during the rushing.

'09 Helen Day (Mrs Coon) visited us during Aug.

'10 Alta Swigart (Mrs Hoskins) Delta, is making her home in Lincoln.

'13 Announcement has been made of the engagement of Ruth Lindley to Harold Noble, A T Ω.

'14 Helen Dresser Peck is doing library work in Minneapolis.

'14 Louise Northrup was married this summer to Mr Sam E. Reynolds. They are at home at 1330 S. 29th st. Omaha.

'13 Magdaline Hahn is teaching in Fort Collins, Colo.

Agnes Langervin (Mrs Stratton) of Riverton, Wyo. spent several weeks in Lincoln this summer.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Willa Spier to Carl Leland Modisitt, Aug. 25. Their home is in Alliance, Neb.

'14 Maurine McAdams was married to Harold Lee Temple, K Σ. Their home is in Lexington, Neb.

'19-ex Ruth Farham is studying at Wellesley this year.

'16 Lula Mae Coe was appointed assistant dean of women.

Sarah Weston is back with us after a year's work in a Canadian university.

'16 The wedding of Catherine Atwood and Charles Gardner, Φ K Ψ, will take place some time in Nov.

'15 Invitations have been sent out for the wedding of Louise Bedwell and Eugene Holland, Δ Σ, which will take place Oct. 21 in Omaha.

'10 Julia Hainer (Mrs O'Connor) is in Washington, D. C. this winter, where her husband is an official in the American Red Cross Commission.

#### SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Sigma feels as if she can scarcely greet you in the proper manner, after losing eight seniors. Those of us who are left catch ourselves waiting in the background for someone to take the lead with suggestions or advice. I suppose that we shall become used to our state of bereavement—it has happened so in other years. Meanwhile, we do not fare badly, for five of our graduates are connected with the university in more or less official capacities, and may even be addressed politely (?) in public.

This year's house-party was the largest upon record, and particularly successful in being attended by all but three of the college chapter. The first of May was early in the year in regard to temperature, but I doubt if we have ever had more beautiful surroundings than at Degrassi Point on Lake Simcoe, in the midst of gray-green water, and woods delicately colored by new leaves.

We had been hoping against hope that we should not return to another war-year at college. We have not yet, in the third year of

the war, become accustomed to the ominous quietness of the halls and campus. At the annual address by the president to the students at the reopening of college, we stood while the names of sixty-seven men were read—graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto who had been killed in action since the last list was read at convocation last May. There are approximately three thousand varsity men on active service.

Living in the midst of such changes which come at times startlingly close to every one of us, we tend to emphasize the more serious aspects of the college life. Rushing parties are as simple as we can make them—in fact it is a contravention of Panhellenic rules to give dances or theater-parties. We hope, also, that these years are bringing the women together in a closer bond of common interest. Approximately, eight hundred in number, and divided into four colleges, we have been slow to develop a university spirit. The new Women's union on the campus, although under the control of university college, is really designed to serve as a center for all our activities. Interest and pride in the house are strong, especially among members of the upper years. The facts that some of us have helped to furnish the house, and that numerous articles have still to be supplied as we find money and time, only add to the sense of ownership. If the interest which has been shown during the first weeks of college be continued and augmented, the union ought to make a great improvement in the life of the women of the university.

7 October 1916

*Marjorie Reid*

'07 Edith Vandersmissen Henderson and her two boys are in England to be near Major Henderson's battalion.

'09 Edith Atkin is staying with Mabel Steele Grubb '07, 21 De Lisle av. Toronto, while Major Grubb is overseas.

'09-ex Jessie McCurdy is on the library staff of Columbia university, New York.

'09 Mona McLaughlin and Jean MacRea, '15, have received appointments as inspectors for the Toronto and York patriotic association.

'10-ex Dora Mavor Moore is in England, Captain Moore being with the troops in France.

'10 Kathleen MacAllister Lang has a little daughter, Mona, born Mar. 26, 1916.

'11 Mary Kentner is taking a course in architecture at Toronto university.

'12 Gertrude Graydon was in Toronto during the summer as inspector for the Patriotic association, but has now returned to Greenwich house, N. Y.

'13 Gertrude Wright, Lois McPhedron '15, and Marjorie Fraser '15, retain their fellowships. Marjorie Fraser is head of the new annex to Queen's hall, the university women's residence, 184 College st. Toronto.

'13 Louis von Gunten is teaching at a girls' school in Chicago.

'13 Mary Millman is director of the Social center in connection with Central neighborhood house, Toronto.

'14 Muriel Cameron is still teaching at the Toronto technical school. Her address is 42 Wilcox st.

'14 Jean Thom stayed in Toronto for two weeks on her way to Wells college, Aurora, N. Y. where she is to lecture in Spanish.

'15 Elspeth Middleton is dietician for the new university women's union, 85 St. George st. Toronto.

'16 Fannie Storey succeeded to the position of Intercollegiate secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for Toronto colleges. Her address is 379 Huron st. where she is rooming with Mary Cowan '16.

'16 Helen d'Avignon is deputy sheriff of Sandwich, Ont.

'16 Helen McMillan and Marjorie Ross are taking business courses in London, Ont.

'16 Marjorie Hall is at Faculty of education, Toronto.

'12 Alice Anderson has been forced to discontinue her medical course on account of ill health.

'18-ex Margaret Bairn has returned to college and entered the social service course.

'18 Elsie Graham has moved to Toronto and is living at 30 Charles st. E.

'19 Mary Anderson has returned to college and is continuing her interrupted course.

#### TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

We came back to college this year twenty-six strong and are now sixteen "stronger." But since rushing is the important means to the end when that end is pledging—I am going to tell you about our rushing first. The regular five-day rushing period started Friday morning, September 22. Each day was divided into four definite periods: breakfast, luncheon, tea, dinner; and for the following four days, exclusive of Sunday, we were busy every single minute entertaining the freshmen. Our local alumnae were most generous in offering us their homes for our parties and we are very grateful to them for this kindness. When the whistle blew Wednesday evening the following fourteen splendid girls were wearing the significant ribbons of black and gold:—Phyllis Bartelme, Rafaela Tennent, Phyllis Shaw, Frances Bennett, Fredrica Bennett, Lola LaMoon, Lavinia Fera, all of Chicago; Frances Hunter, Kankakee; Alice Knight and Elizabeth McEachran, Rockford; Helen McCoid, Logan, Iowa; Ruth Marshall, and Ina Smith, Evanston; Edna Moser, Eldora, Iowa; Dorothy Matthias, Maquoketa, Iowa; Margaret Norton, Liberty, Missouri.

Although the year is yet young Theta has already won several honors in the recent class elections. Imogen Voorhees was elected junior president, and Phebe Harkness was elected sophomore girl representative on the Student Council.

The chapter loses a very strong girl from the senior class this year for Louise Sprague was married October 14 to Mr. Brooks, a Sigma Chi, from Northwestern.

Northwestern girls, and men too, for that matter, are still working hard and earnestly for the much-desired Woman's building, and every Tau girl is trying to do her part to help make this dream an immediate reality.

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*Helen Forbes*

What last year's seniors are doing:

Jeanette Gemmill is living at home and taking course in domestic science in Chicago.

Dorothy Scott is teaching Latin and French at the Illinois college at Jacksonville, Ill.

Mary Herrick is teaching in the high school at Salem, Ill.

Helen Macdonald is teaching in the high school at Streator, Ill.

Juliette Renken is at her home in Parkersburg, Iowa. She expects to make an extended trip to Texas this winter.

Genevieve Forbes is getting a master's degree in English at the University of Chicago.

Joy Shelby is at home in Lebanon, Ind.

#### UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Upsilon started this semester with twenty active Thetas, having lost by graduation Alice McCoy, Florence Drewry, Louise Leavitt, Elizabeth Loomis, and Maud Briggs. One senior, Lillian Wedum; one junior, Marvyl Potter, and three sophomores, Sidney French, Madeline Milnor, and Madeline Gutterson did not return to college this fall.

Rushing, of course, is the main topic of interest at present. This year Panhellenic council allowed one week of off-campus rushing, this being matriculation week. After the opening of college, rushing was confined entirely to the campus with rushing dates from 12 until 2 only. Each fraternity is allowed four luncheon dates a week and two dinner dates. The dates are chosen in council meeting. Pledge-day has been announced for October 18, with initiation second semester on the basis of 100 per cent scholarship.

This year our chapter is very proud of the house, for during the summer many improvements have been made. The partition between the living-room and library has been removed, and the entire down-stairs has been redecorated in a light gray. Up-stairs an additional bathroom, and a beautiful tile shower have been installed; on the third floor, by building in a dormer window, a very comfortable dormitory has been made. Mrs. Scripture, the mother of one of our alumnae, is house chaperon.

Pi Beta Phi has moved into its new home on University avenue. This makes the sixth woman's fraternity house which has been built in the vicinity of our chapter house.

There have been several changes about the campus in the past year. The old chemistry building has been remodelled and is now the Men's union, a building similar to Shevlin hall. The assembly room in the library has been made into a study-room. On the engineering campus we have a new mining and zoology building.

This year Theta has several girls who are prominent in college activities. Ingerd Nissen holds one of the highest honors of the university, that of president of Women's self-government association;

Mildred Lammers is senior representative on Women's athletic association board; Mary Martin is junior representative to the Women's student council. There are also four junior advisers who are Thetas.

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*Ellen Goodrich*

- '01 Clara Fanning is in Washington, D. C. this winter.
- '04 Bessie Scripture is living at the house this winter.
- '09-ex In Aug. the marriage of Elinor Jones and Harold Cant,  $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ , took place.
- '10 Julia Thuet Villaume (Mrs L. A.) attended meeting in Oct.
- '12 Born to Mr and Mrs Wm. Pearce (Helen Rogers) a son, Arthur.
- '12 Dorothy Loyhed is taking her M.A. at Columbia.
- '12 The marriage of Jean Hutchinson and Nuba Pletcher has been announced.
- '12 Helen Skrogg, Alpha Rho, was at the house in June.
- '14-ex Margaret Kelly is taking college work this year.
- '14 Married, in July, Geneva Blodgett and Roland Peteler.
- '14 Adrienne Warner and Muriel Thayer attended meeting in Oct.
- '14 Born to Mr and Mrs Roger Peavey (Marguerite Turner) a son.
- '14-ex Margaret Dill is teaching music in the Northwestern institute.
- '15-ex Ruth Hobbs was married to Paul Welch on June 24.
- '15-ex Marion Broadwater visited Maud Briggs in July.
- '15 Laura Lotze, Alpha Rho, visited meeting in Oct.
- '15-ex On Sept. 25 Ruth McDonald was married to Ira Wells.
- '15 Mary Gale is assistant in university editor's office.
- '16 On July 22 Elizabeth Loomis was married to George Allen,  $\Phi\ \Sigma\ K$ . They are living in Cozad, Neb.
- '16 Married, Louise Leavitt and Norman Mitchell,  $\Delta\ T\ \Delta$ , June 24, 1916.
- '16 Linda McLain and Leslie Hawkridge,  $\Phi\ \Gamma\ \Delta$ , were married July 12, 1916.
- '16 Maud Briggs is working in the university periodical room.
- '16 Alice McCoy is private secretary to Cora Patten, of Chicago.
- '17-ex The engagement of Margaret Sanborn and Harry Coolidge has been announced.
- '17-ex Lucile Boyeson has announced her engagement to Carl Gaver,  $\Sigma\ X$ .
- '17-ex Frances Mix is at Columbia this year.
- '17-ex Lillian Wedum is studying at the American academy of dramatic art in New York.
- '18-ex Marion White and John Herbert were married July 6, 1916. They are living in Bemidji, Minn.
- '18-ex Marvyl Potter is studying music in Brookline, Mass.
- '19-ex Madeline Gutterson is secretary at the Minneapolis vocational school.
- '01 Born to Mrs E. S. Bissell (Blanche Stanford) a son, in May.
- '03 Grace Simis Wright, Alpha Delta and Upsilon, was married in the spring to Mr Chrystie. Address: 638 W. 160th st. New York City.
- '15-ex Florence Watson was married on Aug. 30 to Ira Maxwell Smith. Temporary address: Lignite, N. D.
- Sorrow has come to many Theta homes. Mrs Leonard died in June, only a few months after the death of her husband. Ada Daniels Huxley and Franta Soule Carney each lost her father. Jane Machen Howes lost her mother.
- Born to Mrs Richard Pattee (Mary Tomlinson) a girl, Aug. 22. Address: Kingcome River, B. C.

## PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Registration day found Phi's twenty-six active members already in the midst of things, for the formal rushing season this year consisted of the week terminating on registration day. As a triumphant result we present—two Theta sisters, Vivien Tompkins '19, from San Jose, and Elsie Lutz '18, from Santa Ana—and five other pledges: Héloïse Lysle '19, and Betty Elliott '20, from Pasadena; Vera Boyd '19, from San Carlos; Eleth Lownsbury '20, from San Jose; and Ellen Calbroun '20, from Seattle, Washington. Initiation is to take place after the mid-semester warnings come out—and only for those who have a C average at least.

Under our alumnus president, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur '95, numerous changes are being made in the university at large. Some limitation on the number of men is becoming necessary for the intensive development of the university; the introduction of the quarter system in use at the University of Chicago is being contemplated, as well as its requirement of "honor points" for graduation. Instead of the traditional eight:fifteens we now go to eight o'clock classes, even on Saturday mornings, with no great flurry attendant upon the change; and in consequence of this innovation an hour has been set aside on Thursday morning for university meetings, to be given over to the students themselves on alternate weeks.

Not only are the acoustics of the Memorial church to be remedied, but the chapel of early days has been remodeled and transformed into the little theater for which it was so often used; and the university has instituted a series of Tuesday evening entertainments—lectures and recitals. Moreover, a swimming pool has at last been built for the women of the university and plans for a new gymnasium are being considered. One of the most startling of recent announcements is that Roble hall, the girls' dormitory, is to be turned over to the men, following upon the construction of several houses on "the Row" for women students.

Stanford welcomes as the new Dean of women, Miss Harriet Bradford, Bryn Mawr '14.

Both Phi and the college Panhellenic organizations are endeavoring in various ways to keep in the vanguard of progress. In accordance with the effort of the university to maintain a high standard of scholarship, is the prize of one hundred dollars offered by Panhellenic to that fraternity girl of the junior class who shall best unite high scholastic standing with all-round interests and activities. A trophy of some sort is also to be given to the fraternity which has the highest scholarship average. A sincere effort is also being made by Panhellenic to arrive at an adequate solution of the rushing problem. While Phi has found the present system satisfactory in its results, there are certain phases of it which are not desirable, such as the

summer rushing it entails, together with the necessity for returning early to college, and the difficulty of getting acquainted with the new girls both intensively and extensively in so short a time as that allotted.

Mrs. A. H. Stiles is our new house-mother and house-manager, for we have adopted the plan advocated last year by Panhellenic of combining the two positions.

We are instituting a series of monthly teas beginning Monday, October 2, for the alumnae who live near us. Last month we gave a tea for Mrs. Stiles, and on October 6 we are to entertain our pledges at a dance. We have all enjoyed tremendously—and felt ourselves greatly honored withal—by a visit from Mrs. R. H. Gilkey of Chicago, who stayed with us during Dr. Gilkey's series of lectures and sermons here.

After money-making efforts that included every possible source of revenue from fudge to shampoos, Phi has invested in some new wicker furniture for the living-room, and—*mirabile dictu*—a baby grand piano (on the installment plan, dear sisters, be it whispered). Much papering and painting of bedrooms has been going on, moreover, until we are all beautiful within. And, by way of keeping abreast with the *Zeitgeist*, we even have a first-aid corps in the house itself, for three of the girls attended the Red Cross training camp in San Francisco last summer.

Of honors, some few have already fallen to our share. From last semester we present Florence Dean Stewart '16, as our newest member of Phi Beta Kappa. Antonia Hyatt '18, is a member of Women's conference, while Grace Rossiter '18, Dorothy Botsford '18, and Florence Bills '19, were elected to Schubert club (a musical organization) not long ago. Florence Mason '18, is to play the leading rôle in the first play of the season on October 6—*Seven keys to Baldpate*, presented by Sword and Sandals.

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*Mary Curry*

Madeleine Soulé has returned to Stanford for advanced work in English.

'14 Born to Mr and Mrs Thomas Cluff (Gladys Briggs) a daughter, Margaret Vance, in June.

'15 Ruth Stone holds a position in the astronomical observatory on Mount Wilson.

'16 Katherine Hutchinson is financial manager for an orphanage in San Francisco.

'14 Flora Marie Rausch is teaching Latin, French, and Spanish in the Cheffey union high school, Ontario, Cal. She received her A.M. degree from Stanford in Sept.

Mr and Mrs Arthur C. Veatch (Carrie Evans) of London, England, spent Sept. and Oct. in this country. Mrs Veatch has been very active in American relief work in London. She was recently elected a member of the Royal horticultural society.

## CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

College closed last June in the usual whirl of excitement. Among the Commencement festivities, the annual *alumnæ* banquet was of most importance to *Thetas*, for that evening our eight seniors, Esther Wright, Ruth Jones, Louise Balsley, Rebecca Carter, Frances Caflisch, Louise Stewart, Elsa Volkmann and Irene Lewis made their adieux to college *Theta* life and began their careers as *alumnæ*. Twenty-six loyal *alumnæ* returned to enjoy the evening with us, and Helen Wright '10, presided as toast-mistress in a most delightful manner.

After Commencement, many *Thetas* journeyed to Poughkeepsie, and there witnessed the double victory of the Orange navy, which gloriously closed a most successful college year.

Mrs. Welch, our much beloved and well appreciated chaperon, spent the summer at *Theta* house; and Mildred Kenney and Grace Watkins, together with Rita Parker, a *Kappa Kappa Gamma*, lived with her while they attended summer school.

On account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, *Syracuse* did not open until October 3, two weeks later than the usual time. But every one was so anxious to return that we were here and settled by September 28, all ready to begin the final rush. At present we are tired but cheerful, with great hopes that our successful rushing and pledging will prove to be good omens for our college year.

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Frederica Smith

The *alumnæ* who attended the June banquet were: Helen Wright, Eunice Congdon Bates, Lois Frazee, Maude Sharp, Leslie West, Laura Cowan Wilson, Kate Rowley, Lola Lowther, Julia Lockwood, Clare Terwilliger, May Wilcox, Marian Ferguson, Blanche Day Allen, Ruth Newman, Mrs Fulton, Mrs Brown, Florence White, Mrs Sharp (Tau), Estelle Merrill Roney, Esther Waldron, Jane Scott, Lola Searles Revels, Jennie Bingham, Marion Chappell Sykes, Lois Jaynes, Ruth Audis.

'97 On Oct. 5, Ollie Ross Walch sent us a surprise package which proved to be a beautiful table, just right for our den.

'00 At the last meeting of the *Syracuse* chapter of *Φ B K*, Leslie West was elected vice-president.

'01 Iva Lowther Peters received the degree of M.A. at *Columbia* in June.

'01 Olivia Pratt visited the chapter in May.

'02 Lucille Baldwin Van Slyke (Mrs George M.) has a new serial in the *Ladies' home journal*.

'09 Born, June 13, to Mr and Mrs Herbert Faus (Bricea Wright) a son, John Wright Faus.

'09 Lois Frazee visited the chapter during rushing.

'13 Anna Payne, A Δ, visited us during rushing.

'13 The engagement of Ruth von Eeiff Morrison to John Rutledge Colter '12, Ψ T, was announced in May.

'14 Charlotte Valentine was married in Sept. to Burton Fonda, Z Ψ. Her address is 166 Furman st. Schenectady, N. Y.

'15 On May 17, Eunice Congdon was married to Charles Bates, Z Ψ.

'15 Jessica Smith, A B, visited us during rushing season.

- '15 Mable Chapin has been very ill this summer with infantile paralysis.
- '15 Maude Sharp will teach psychology in Teachers' college this year.
- '16 At the June banquet was announced the engagement of Louise Stewart to Walter Street,  $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ .
- '16 Elsa Volkmann is teaching in Flemington, N. J.
- '16 Esther Wright has a position in the Alexander Hamilton institute, New York City. Her address is 388 Lafayette av. Brooklyn.
- '16 Louise Balsley is teaching in Manlius; Louise Stewart in Phoenix, N. Y.
- '17-ex Ruth Mixer was married May 2, to Samuel Burdge,  $\Delta\ \Gamma\ P$  '14.
- '17 Anna Carhart attended Ruth Mixer's wedding.
- '17 Anna Carhart was leader of Syracuse women represented at the Silver Bay Y. W. C. A. conference in June.
- '17-ex On Sept. 12, Edna Long was married to Louis Somer-Hayes,  $\Delta\ K\ E$ .
- '18-ex Jessie Lewis is taking work at Swarthmore.
- '18-ex Edith Congor is studying at Barnard.

Our pledges are: Gladys Lewis, Oswego; Dorothy Beech and Kate Gordon, Syracuse; Roberta Saunders, Nutley, N. J.; Millicent Cowee, Berlin; Lois Mitchell, Hornell.

## PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

After having initiated our freshmen last June, on the day of alumnae banquet, we came back this year, ready for rushing. Rushing lasted from September 18 to September 22, and we certainly feel that we have come out on top, with seventeen splendid pledges. They are as follows: Gertrude Knowlton, Helen Skinner, Dorothy Clark, Katherine Fishburn, Daphne Conover, Adelin Briggs, Frances Rudy, Vira Winchell, and Flora Siebecker, all of Madison; Marion Miller, Markesan; Alma Robinson, Duluth, Minnesota; Elizabeth Pratt, Kansas City, Missouri; Charlotte Lesh, Indianapolis; Louise Meredith and Martha Marquart, Springfield, Ohio; Marjorie Crothers, Willoughby, Ohio; and Sarah Taylor, Ottawa, Illinois. Besides our new pledges, Marie Reiman and Marion Sanford, who were pledged in the fall of 1914, have come back. Then, too, we have eleven fine transfers: Lucile Logan of Alpha Iota; Margaret Todd and Grace Dudley of Alpha Tau; Elizabeth Horner of Alpha; Helen Duke and Charlotte Galpin of Gamma; Miriam Van der bie, Gladys Holstein and Norma Stauffer of Alpha Psi; Anita Donkle of Tau; and May Groendyke of Beta.

Several of our girls did not come back this fall—Jessie Hill, Margaret Brown, Georgiana Garner, Mildred Ellis, and Margaret Hughes, together with our thirteen graduates, leave quite a hole in our chapter. However, with our new girls and our new chaperon, Mrs. Fishburn, formerly of Los Angeles, we are sure of great success for the coming year.

A good many honors have been received by members of Psi since the last letter was written. Beatrice Tabor was chosen for the varsity basketball team, Marjorie Kinnan was elected women's editor, and Dorothy Bell, sorority editor of the *Badger* for 1917; Charlotte Bodman and Anita Pleuss were awarded final honors

in athletics; Marion Conover and Laura Hayward were elected to Mortar board; Dorothy Bell was elected president of Yellow tassel, the junior girls' society.

Sports have just begun for the girls, so teams have not been chosen yet, but our pledges seem very enthusiastic about getting into athletics. The football season opens October 7, and we are hoping for a victorious team under our new coach, Withington, from Harvard.

The most interesting and delightful time we have had since university opened was that of Mrs. Mecklin's visit to our chapter. Our only regret was that she could not have stayed longer with us. She told us all about convention plans and now we are eagerly waiting for next June to come.

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*Genevieve Penhallegon*

- '07 Helen Gillman and Dr Herbert Wing, jr. of Dickinson college were married June 10, 1916. Address: Carlisle, Pa.
- '10 Ethel Rose Taylor is taking postgraduate work on the hill.
- '11 Hester Harper is teaching at LaCrosse.
- '12 Born to Mr and Mrs W. G. Maue (Leila Peacock) a son, W. Gregory, jr. Apr. 4, 1916.
- '12 Olive Simpson visited in Madison for a few days this fall.
- '14 Ernestine Chase and Harlow Bradley,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ , were married Oct. 14, 1916.
- '14 Agnes Hall is Y. W. C. A. secretary at Chicago university.
- '14 Mary Buell is taking postgraduate work in chemistry.
- '15 Marie Carns and Riah Fagan spent a few days in Madison during rushing. Marie is attending Wellesley this year, and Riah is teaching at Stoughton.
- '15 Louise Young has a scholarship at Bryn Mawr this year.
- '15 Jean Hadden has announced her engagement to Edward Reynolds,  $\Delta\Upsilon$ .
- '15 Winifred Rettger and Harmon Lewis,  $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ , were married June 22, 1916. They have gone to live in South America.
- '15 Helen Abrams is teaching history at Stoughton.
- '16 Charlotte Bodman and Lucile Pritchard visited Psi during rushing.
- '16 Kathryn Miller drove up for a day during rushing, from Markesan, where she is teaching.
- '16 Mildred Starr spent a week-end with us. She is teaching at Edgerton.
- '16 Betty Starr is taking postgraduate work in home economics.
- '16 Anita Pleuss has charge of physical education of the Y. W. C. A. in Indianapolis.
- '16-ex Margaret Hughes is attending the Montessori school in New York.
- '16 Dorothy Lewis is in San Francisco.
- '16 Avis Richards is teaching at Antigo, Minn.
- '17-ex Lois A. Clark, Tau, announced her engagement to Harold Smith,  $B\Theta\text{II}$ , Michigan.
- '18-ex Margaret Brown is teaching at Bradford, N. Y.
- '18-ex Mildred Ellis is spending the winter in Pasadena.
- '18-ex Georgiana Garner is attending the state normal school at Bellingham, Wash.
- Alice Watson Sherman (Mrs F. B.) who has been ill for some time from paralysis, is unable to leave her home at 230 S. Scoville av. Oak Park, Ill. and will be especially glad to see Thetas from Psi chapter who are, or may be, in Chicago.

'00 Winifred Smith Fruit (Mrs J. C.) is moving from Evanston, Ill. to New York city.

Born, to Mr and Mrs Geo. Brümmer (May E. Stiles) on Apr. 27, 1916, a son, John Henry. Address: Cherokee, Iowa.

#### OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Our fall term has opened with a larger registration than ever before. The new undergraduate students alone number over fifteen hundred. You can well imagine then, that with such a fund of material to draw from, our rushing season has been a most strenuous one. According to our new Panhellenic rules, we rush the week preceding and the week following registration, at the end of which time written invitations are sent. Two days of anxious waiting and suspense follow before the girls answer and receive their pledge pins. We are looking forward to initiating a very fine class.

Campus activities also are being speedily resumed. Our *Daily Californian* is full of athletic announcements, and of the results of dramatic, literary and musical try-outs, and we are already deep in our studies.

The university can soon boast of many new buildings. A large addition is being built on the library, which, it is hoped, will be of sufficient size to accommodate the students and their volumes. The construction on Wheeler hall, the new classroom building which is to take the place of old North hall, is rapidly progressing, and the building already presents its stolid white front to the seekers of knowledge. Plans are being drawn for the new chemistry building, which, if they are carried out, will abolish the time-honored "Chem" pond where freshmen are aquatically reminded of their position.

Omega looks forward to a splendid year and sends best wishes to her sister chapters.

Eleanor Burnham

- '02 Born to Katherine Smith Turner, a daughter.
- '07 Born to Cornelia Stratton Parker, a daughter.
- '09 Pearl Chase has been visiting Omega for two weeks.
- '10 Esther Merrill was married to Percival Fay, Aug. 5, 1916.
- '12 Born to Bernice Bronson Butler, a daughter.
- '13 Lillian Van Dyke visited Omega during the rushing season.
- '13 Born to Harriet Judd Eiel, a son.
- '13 Born to Constance Davis Ford, a son, Aug. 13, 1916.
- '14 Elizabeth Eames has been visiting here from the East.
- '15 Dorothy Edinger will continue her art studies in New York this year.
- '15 Elizabeth Page has announced her engagement to Ralph Carlton Gor-rill, A Δ Φ.
- '15 Jessie Lewis, Alpha Lambda, has come to California for graduate work.
- '15 Catherine De Motte has announced her engagement to Ambrose Green, of Corning.
- '16-ex Elizabeth Wheeler Head has returned to the university for special work.
- '16 Dorothea Torrey has announced her engagement to Harold Kelly '16, Φ Γ Δ.
- '15 Margaret Calder was married to Kenneth Aurand Hayes '16, A Δ Φ, June 27, 1916.

'17 Sepha Pischel has announced her engagement to Albert John Evers, X. Phi.  
'17 Nell Hanniman was married in April to William Sherwin.  
'19 Helen Crenshaw of Tau is attending the University of California this semester.

**ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**

Here we are again, back for another year's work, but our ranks are somewhat broken, for besides losing our graduates—Marcia Doane, Isabel Waters, Katherine Simmons, Isabel Jenkins, and Anna Michener—Irene Mack '18, and Gertrude McCabe '19, found it impossible to return. On the other hand, we really cannot complain of any decrease in size, for besides six pledges—Cornelia Stabler, George School, Pennsylvania; Lucy Lippincott, Riverton, New Jersey; Letitia McNeal, Birmingham, Alabama; Marguerite Coles, Moorestown, New Jersey; Mary Campbell, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and Gladys Pell, Saddle River, New Jersey—we have four new upperclassmen to help swell our numbers. Sarah Rogers is now a junior, after a year's absence; Carolyn Smedley '12, has returned to study for a master's degree in mathematics; and we have two affiliates, the first in the history of our chapter, Virginia Kingsbury '18, from Gamma, and Jessie Lewis '19, from Chi.

Rushing this year was under the usual rules, but owing to matriculation being one day early, we had four days instead of three, in which to rush. Our "big" party was Friday evening, the day before invitations were issued, and we held it in Whittier house, where there was ample room for games and a general good time. This, with smaller events, such as autoing or cocoa parties, gave us as much opportunity to know the girls as is possible in four days.

Because we have a local ruling that freshmen shall not be initiated until after mid-semester marks are out and have shown that our pledges have at least a "C" average, we have started again this fall our pledge meetings. An upperclassman meets with them for a half hour before chapter meetings, when they discuss different phases of the fraternity. In this way we try to make them feel that they really "belong," for it is a long time to wait to be initiated.

But in the interest of this year's activities we have neglected to mention the events of last spring.

Our usual May day celebration was held at twilight, instead of early morning, as has been the custom. Isabel Waters, the queen, watched with her attendants, among whom were Katherine Price, Florence Shoemaker, and Eleanor Stabler, as each class wound its Maypole with streamers of its class colors.

During this same month both Elizabeth Worth and Isabel Jenkins entertained us. Elizabeth gave a luncheon at the Bellevue Stratford in Philadelphia, not only for the whole chapter but for as many more alumnae, and it was a Theta event we will not soon forget. A week later Isabel took us all to her home in German-

town on Sunday afternoon, and by autoing us and walking us in relays, she worked up some ravenous appetites for the hand-around supper that was waiting us.

But to return from the past to the present—we have moved this year from room 317 back to our old quarters in 217, and hope that every Theta who comes within visiting distance of Swarthmore will not fail to come to see us.

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*Esther H. Philips*

'01 May K. Flannery, who has been away from Philadelphia for a year, will be at home in Wynnewood this winter.

'04 Marguerite Campion is teaching in the Hebrew industrial school in New York.

'06 Born to Mr and Mrs Henry H. Wells (Caroline Washborn) a son, Alfred Washborn, on June 24.

'07 Mrs Arthur Chenowith (Mary North) is giving a course in Italian art and modern architecture at Swarthmore college.

'07-ex Marjory W. Mathews and Philip E. Lamb, Δ Υ '06, were married in Ellicott City, Baltimore, on Sept. 23. The wedding was a charming affair on the lawn, and proved to be a regular Swarthmore reunion. Mrs Lamb's address is Govans, Baltimore, Md.

'08 Mrs Frederich Simmons (Dorothy Lister) whose home is in Chicago, has been visiting her friends and relatives in Philadelphia and Swarthmore.

'08 Mrs Paul Freeman has a second son.

'10 Mrs Frank Griffin (Priscilla Goodwyn) has been appointed Dean of women at Swarthmore college during the Sabbatical year of Dean Meeteer.

'10 Beulah Green has been taking a course in biology at Cornell summer school. She is studying psychology this winter at Swarthmore college.

'11 Born to Mr and Mrs Harlan S. Gatchell (Margaret Broomell) a daughter, Elizabeth, on June 12.

'12 Carolyn Smedely, Φ B K, and a Lucretia Mott Fellow, has left her home in California to prepare at Swarthmore college for her Master's degree in mathematics.

'12 Mildred Hoadley is now living in Swarthmore and studying domestic science at the Drexel institute.

'12 Anna D. White is entering the field of occupations for women by starting a green-house for sweet peas, violets, and pansies.

Amy Baker '12, and Martha Speakman '14, were councilors this summer at the girls' camp at Wyonegonic, Me. Five chapters of K A Θ were represented among the councilors.

'14 Martha Speakman has gone to Chicago to take the Recreation course in the School of civics and philanthropy. Her address is Chicago Commons, Grand av. and Morgan st.

'14-ex Marjorie Gideon was married to John Maguire on Oct. 14. They will live at Swarthmore.

'15 Jessica Smith is working in connection with the New York suffrage convention.

'15 Anna Miller has been appointed the Theta state secretary for New Jersey.

'15-ex Marian Simmons is teaching in the Swarthmore public school.

'16 Anna Michener, Lucretia Mott Fellow, is studying political science at Columbia.

'16 Katherine Simmons is teaching in Media, Pa.

'16 Isabel Waters is principal of the London Grove Friends school.

'18-ex Irene Mack has announced her engagement to George E. Hesselbacher at a luncheon on Oct. 14.

'12 Mary Osgood Taylor (Mrs T. R.) is living in Evanston, Ill. where her husband is an instructor in the Commercial department of Northwestern university. Address: 2319 Sherman av.

'19-ex Louise Lewis is attending Chicago university. Address: 5216 Dorchester av.

'04 Born to Mr and Mrs E. E. Kehew (Millo McClain) Sept. 23, 1916, a son, James Gordon. Address: R. F. D. Wexford, Pa.

#### ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The excitement of rushing and pledging has just about subsided and we are all ready to settle down to hard work. Pledging this year, as last, was permitted as soon as the student had matriculated. This meant rushing all summer and, as there were only a few who remained here this summer, the responsibility fell on them. But before the hard rushing started the Thetas spent a delightful week at a little cabin on the Olentangy river. Here the girls planned many things for the next few weeks and came back more enthusiastic than ever over the rushees. Our three main rushing parties consisted of a dance September 16, a dinner at the Athletic club September 18, and a luncheon September 19 at the Chittenden hotel. This same day we had pledge service for those we had just pledged, who are two sisters, Virginia Michel and Miriam Long. The other pledges are Elizabeth Welch, Doris Means, Elizabeth Hoffman, Gertrude Lytle, Nelliejoy Turner, Mary Reynolds, Ruth Fischer, Audrey Smith, all of Columbus, and Harriett Swetland of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. These girls, much to their disappointment as well as ours, must wait until next year, or until they have matriculated for the third semester, to be initiated. October 10 we will initiate our last year's freshmen which will add six to those already upholding the ideals and standards of Theta.

Alpha Gamma is fortunate in having so many return to college this year. Only two, Virginia Thomas who is studying music in Chicago this year, and Catharine Williard who was married last spring, failed to return. Of course, we miss those who graduated last year but three of them will be in Columbus this year so we expect to see them quite often.

This year Ohio State university is rejoicing over the addition of two new buildings. One of these is a beautiful home economics building which naturally interests the girls and especially a few of the Thetas who are taking that course. Besides this we have a new College of commerce and journalism. Professor Hagerty, formerly of the economics department, has been made Dean of the college.

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*Corinne L. Putnam*

'14 Mrs Wayne Lee (Helen Barnhill) of Dayton, Ohio, is visiting her mother, Mrs Barnhill.

'14 Rive King Bowman is taking postgraduate work at Columbia university this year.

'14 Mrs Charles Snyder (Hazel Shook) of Chicago, Ill. will visit her mother, Mrs C. B. Shook, this month.

'15 Ruth Sigrist will be married this month to Charles Noble Gates,  $\Phi\ K\ \Psi$ .  
Mrs Hugh Lee (Ruth Horton) and daughter, of Timmons, Ont. are visiting Ruth Sigrist.

'16 Married, June 14, Helene Patton to Professor Francis Coker.

'16 Elizabeth Lyons is teaching in Grandview, Ohio.

Ann Damron spent the summer in England.

#### ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Vanderbilt university opened this year on October 2, with a matriculation day pledge. Because of this fact, rushing was begun long before Commencement last June and continued all through the summer. The girls who remained in town this summer got thoroughly acquainted with the "rushees" by means of a series of picnics which were given at the various girls' homes on alternate Saturdays. Those rushees who were out of town we kept in touch with by means of letters. Through these two means we became rather well acquainted with the incoming freshmen before they reached the university. The formal rushing season began on Friday, September 29, and continued through Monday, October 2. We had a tea in order for the alumnae and friends of Theta to meet our rushees; a slumber party, and a luncheon, besides individual engagements with the rushees for Sunday. The result of our recent activity is nine pledges—Elizabeth Chester, Anne Culbert, Bessie Lipscomb, Lucy Van Ness, Rebekah Ward, Annie Lee Hayes, Corrinne Frazier, Louise Benedict, and Elizabeth Branham.

In spite of matriculation day pledge, the two fraternities at Vanderbilt have worked out a more or less satisfactory plan for rushing. This plan not only includes written bids, but provides for a more dignified method of pledging than the matriculation day pledging system usually affords; so that, taken all together, the friendly feeling existing between the two women's fraternities has been a source of great pleasure to every one concerned.

Although there are twenty-six of us back this year, we still feel keenly the loss of our two seniors, Mary Jo Harwell and Evelyn Norton. Several undergraduates have also failed to return—Adelaide Haggard, Marjorie Shapard, Louise Lipscomb, and Elise Maney. We are very happy to have with us this year Miss Roudébush of Psi who is teaching physical education at Peabody college.

In all the excitement which comes in the wake of the beginning of college, Vanderbilt has not forgotten the endowment fund campaign which, if successful (and it will be successful), will bring us one million dollars. We are all working hard and hope to see our goal reached before very long.

There have been several changes in the faculty this year. There are three new men in the mathematics department, two in the

modern language department, and one in chemistry. We extend to these new members of the faculty a cordial welcome and assure them of our hearty cooperation.

Although we cannot initiate until Christmas, or after the first term, we will introduce our pledges to college society on Friday night, October 6. We wish you could be here and that they would meet you.

We wish for you all a most successful year.

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*Julia J. Turnbull*

- '16 Eunice Jackson was married to Marvin Holderness,  $\Sigma$  A E, in Oct.
- '16 Roberta Dillon will remain for some weeks yet in Asheville, N. C.
- '14 Louise Adamson is teaching in Key West, Fla.
- '12 Lamar Ryals was married to M. O. Bomer, jr. A T  $\Omega$ .
- '12 To Mrs T. B. Scoggins, a daughter, born in Aug. 1916.
- '08 Elsie Handy is teaching German and Latin in the Nashville high school.
- '16 Mary Jo Harwell is teaching in Morris Harvey college, Barboursville, W. Va.
- '16 Evelyn Norton is teaching in the Demonstration high school, L. S. U. Baton Rouge, La.
- '16 Adelaide Webb Haggard is teaching in Martha Washington college, Abingdon, Va.
- '18 Louise Lipscomb is teaching in the high school in Decherd, Tenn.
- '18 Marjorie Shapard is teaching in the Tate school, Shelbyville, Tenn.
- '15 Sadie Shofner was here for rushing.
- '18 Elise Maney is at her home in Nashville.
- '17 Bess Cook was here for rushing.
- '14 Rachel Witt was married in June to Marvin Clayton, T K A.
- '12 Mrs Bennet Pierce, of South America, is in Nashville for the winter.

#### ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

By September 25, all of our girls had returned to Austin, ready to begin work once more with redoubled energy. College work didn't start until October 2, but matriculation began on Wednesday, September 27; and all the fraternities participated in one week of rushing previous to college work. Alpha Theta was very successful this year in the freshmen pledged. We now have fourteen enthusiastic freshmen wearing the orange and black ribbons.

On Tuesday evening of last week, Alpha Theta complimented her rushees with a formal dinner dance at the chapter house. There were sixteen rushees present together with our girls. A delightful five-course dinner was served, after which our patronesses and men friends arrived, and informal dancing was enjoyed.

We are perfectly charmed with our new chaperon, Mrs. Root of Kansas City. We think her most lovable and sweet, and certainly efficient. Our alumnae from all over the state have certainly shown their loyalty by responding liberally both in personal assistance and by financial aid. Combining both of these with the hearty cooperation of the active members, and the enthusiasm of our freshmen, we expect to have a very prosperous year.

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*Henryetta Lightfoot*

On Oct. 4, Cornelia Keasby will be married to Mr Dave Allerdice. They will make their home in Indianapolis.

Florence Brownlee was married July 27 to Mr Walter Benson. They went East on their honeymoon, and settled in Austin on their return.

Bernadine Field of Calvert has returned to Austin and will be in the university this year.

Mr and Mrs James Philip Nash announce the arrival of a little daughter, whom they have named Mary Katherine.

Cosette Faust received her Ph.D. from Radcliffe in June.

Married, June 26, 1916, Ethel Mary Sykes and Lieut. W. C. Washington, U. S. A.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Theta and her sister societies at Washington are rushing madly toward the one relief in sight, Pledge-day Monday, October 9. And so, precious alumnae and friends in other chapters, prepare for a long list of pledges in the November Journal. And do not pucker up your brow at the mere mention of fourteen freshmen. Remember, that only fifteen of our thirty strong are back at college this year. By graduation, we lost ten of our strongest girls. Three more—Edith Row, a junior, Ethel Neuhoff and Lucile Logan, both sophomores—failed to return. We miss them greatly, both in a personal and chapter way.

Do not think for one moment that our present fifteen are weaklings. Indeed, that is untrue, for every one of them is carrying the full amount of college work leading to a degree. That is more than has been said of us for many a day. Furthermore, every one is connected with at least one activity.

Just to give an example of Theta influence in Washington affairs, I am going to mention the new rushing system that Panhellenic introduced this year—a system that was originated by Theta and, finally, passed in Panhellenic through stubborn Theta insistence. I refer to the limited species of rushing which was used this year for the first time in the fall rushing season. The regulated rushing season began with registration day, September 25, and continued for four days in helter-skelter, unlimited fashion; then, jumped into eight days of strict limited rushing. Each of the four women's fraternities was allowed to draw two days as its particular rushing time. No fraternity member was even allowed to converse with a rushee on her rival's day. The system is an admirable one, and has worked out better than we even hoped it would. Alpha Iota is rejoicing that at last Panhellenic has limited rushing. Surely, those who at first opposed the system can see the saneness of it as compared with the madness of the unlimited method that has raged during former rushing seasons.

And speaking of new things, perhaps you would like to hear of the new rules for freshman girls. Those who attended District V convention last June will remember the cry, "Subdue the freshmen!"

Keod, the woman's senior society, came forward with a subduer that is working beautifully at Washington.

1. All freshman girls must wear the regulation green button until November 1.
2. No freshman girl shall be allowed to wear any high school pins, badges or other insignia.
3. No freshman girl shall wear a hat in the classroom.
4. Freshman girls are not allowed to "fuss" on the Quad.
5. Freshman girls are not allowed to frequent the library steps or loiter in the library arcade.

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*Alice M. Johann*

'04 Married, Marian Clute to A. C. White, Sept. 16, in Chicago.

'06 May Hamilton received her M.A. at Columbia university in June.

'09 Inex Gordon Henne (Mrs H. G.) Alpha Mu, visited in St. Louis during Sept.

'10-ex Born to Mr and Mrs W. T. Hendricks (Dorothea Marsh) a son.

'13 Emma Kathryn Thuener was married to James Emmett Dee, May 11, at St. Charles, Mo. Address: 1420 Academy av. St. Louis.

'15 Dorothy Nicholson Morrill (Mrs J. B.) has moved to California.

'16 Married, Helen Anderson to Wm. F. Jenkins, Σ X, Sept. 6, in Chicago. Address: 1605 Hinman av. Evanston, Ill.

'16 Married, Hildegard Wulffing to James R. Morris, Sept. 27.

'16 Maria Bain has taken the position of Y. W. C. A. secretary in the St. Louis association.

'16 Ruth Zacher is teaching mathematics and history in the high school at Winchester, Ill.

'16-ex Married, Marie Gallenkamp to Gale E. Henderson, Σ A E, Oct. 16, 1916.

'17-ex Married, Ruby Spurlock to Harold T. Stout, Oct. 4. Address: St. Joseph, Mo.

Gladys Ritchie, A Θ, visited Mildred Searcy in June.

Dorothy Worrell, A M, recently visited with Alpha Iota.

'17 Katherine Brookes was delegate to the Student government convention, held in Lincoln, Neb. last June.

Those who attended District V convention are: Alice Johann, delegate, Senta Retter, Mildred Searcy, Helen Anderson, Helen Banister, Helen Humphrey, Helen Ette, Etta Reller.

Thirty-five members of the chapter attended the house-party at Schillers' Farm, Union, Mo. June 19-21.

Helen Banister attended Wisconsin summer school.

Edith Row was delegate to the Y. W. C. A. convention, Estes Park, Colo. She was unable to return to college because of illness.

Five Thetas acted as entertainers at the Children's industrial farm, Eureka, Mo. during vacation—Lucile Bishop, Helen Humphrey, Senta Retter, Edith Row, and Leonora Woodward.

Jean Brookes accompanied her sister and brother-in-law on the C. E. trip to Colorado in Sept.

Mary Catherine Voorhees, T, was the guest of Alpha Iota Thetas recently. Lucile Logan is attending the University of Wisconsin.

Margaret Donan is a member of the training class in the St. Louis public library.

## ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

On bright, sunny days we rejoice, for optimism permeates the air, but when the day is gloomy our spirits drop. To a small chapter like ours, our dejected state seems almost justified, for with the departure of the 1916 delegation and with six juniors attending other colleges, our number is extremely small. And yet we feel that in the end Theta spirit will conquer.

Because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis in this part of the state, college has been opened for only a short time. Gradually we are falling into the old routine and making acquaintances in the freshman class which is particularly attractive and large. The newcomers have been welcomed with a luncheon given by their sister class and a party given by the Young Women's Christian association.

Alpha Kappa extends her best wishes for a prosperous and happy year to all her sister chapters.

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*Pearl Van Siclen*

Helen Tiebout, Adela Girdner and Evelyn Girdner are at Cornell.

Dorothy McDonald is now a junior at Barnard.

Mirian Medd and Corinne Thompson are at Smith.

On Oct. 26, Ruth Knowles was married to Mr Emerson Hoyt.

Marguerite Sutphin has announced her engagement to Dr McCurdy of New York.

Eleanor Marine has announced her engagement to Mr John Sternhagen.

## ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Our good fortune began in mid-summer when we found that the scholarship, for which we had worked so hard, was higher than we had pictured it even in our fondest dreams, for not only is Alpha Lambda first at Washington, but she is ten points ahead of Alpha Omicron Pi, who leads everything else.

Nearly all the girls returned to the house early and our enthusiasm vented itself upon the poor old house, where we did everything from varnishing floors and calcimining walls to making drapes and curtains.

The same good spirit carried us through the six prescribed dinner dates and one all-day entertainment of our two weeks of rushing. When Saturday, the twenty-third, came we fairly wept with joy to look around and see that the ten splendid new girls, whom we all love so much, were with us. It made us the more proud to know that, from the reports we have heard, Theta fared so well the entire length of this coast that we are merely the last link in a lucky chain.

Our pledges are: Peggy London '20, a sister from Seattle, who is secretary of her class; Mable Hall '20, also a Seattle sister; Ruth Lewis, Peggy Lesser, and Dorothy Overman '20, of Seattle; Osceola House '19, of Port Townsend; and Marion Pirkey '18, of Willows, California, both former Mills college students; Helen

Suttoff '20, of Hood River, Oregon, and Esther Tuesley, of North Yakima.

Now that rushing is over, we are thinking how each of us has helped the other work, for our untiring rushing captain, Avadana Cochran, protests that the success we owe to her would never have come to the chapter had not each member been behind her. Of course, what she says about cooperation was true in the case of scholarship, and we are hoping that, having once proved that a big chapter can be an efficient unit, we will strive to live up to our convictions.

*Marjorie Kohlman*

'19 Helen York is attending the state normal at Ellensburg, Wash.

'19 Helen Goode is going to Washington state college at Pullman.

'18 Kathryn Kerr is at Smith college this year.

Ysabel Patton is teaching domestic science in high school at Montesano.

Born, May 27, to Mr and Mrs William Shannon (Agnes Lovejoy) a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Born, July 27, to Mr and Mrs A. J. Quigley (Josephine Meissner) a son, Arthur Stephens.

Born, Aug. 30, to Mr and Mrs H. J. McDonald (Betty Belmont) a daughter, Betty.

'11 Married, Aug. 2, Hazel Ramaker to Homer Lincoln Brown, A T Ω, of Seattle.

'14 Married, Sept. 8, Bess Smith to Gerald White, Φ Γ Δ, of Seattle.

'13 Married, Sept. 16, Clarice Dean to Donald Lutz, K Σ, of Seattle.

Born, May 15, to Mr and Mrs H. B. Jones (Beula Smith) a son, Bruce.

'14 Elizabeth Fletcher is teaching in Burton, Wash.

'16 Enola McIntyre is teaching at American Lake.

Lillian Lohman German (Mrs Glen A.) has returned to Montana where she and her husband will have a store at Lohman.

'16 Ysabel Patton has announced her engagement to Clarke Will, Δ T Δ, of Seattle.

Enola McIntyre has announced her engagement to Campbell McCollough, Δ X, of Seattle.

'17 Gladys Johnson has announced her engagement to Arthur Veile, of Seattle.

'16 Beatrice Mercer is doing library work in Seattle.

'18 Harriet Smith is attending Mount Holyoke college this year.

'14 Married, Oct. 3, Elma Leonard to Wallace McPherson, Δ Υ, of Tacoma.

'17 Married, June 24, Maryhelen London to Donald A. McKenzie, of Crookston, Minn.

Irene Sommerville Durham (Mrs Kenneth) visited the chapter house in Sept.

Mary Ferguson, A Υ, has recently entered Washington.

'19 Elizabeth MacLean won the highest scholarship average of the Alpha Lambda freshmen and had her name engraved upon the freshman scholarship cup.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Ten seniors graduated last spring, but as Lura Grigsby and Louise Marbut have returned for graduate work, our loss has not been so great. We had just begun to grow accustomed to the depletion in

our ranks when rushing descended upon us and with it the attendant freshmen. Cornelia Haire, Aline Sewell, Evalina Bius, Dorothy Prince, Mary Lansing, and Lucy Wilson come with advanced standing. Zella Edwards, Aurilla Brigham, Marguerite Rickert, Lelia Dickinson, Marie Giesecke, Agnus Bius, Genevieve Garnett, with the Theta sisters, Ellen Peters, Lilda Schleicher, and Ruth Dulaney, make sixteen.

The latest addition is the pledging of Addie Root, a member of the faculty in the home economics department.

Rushing proved very strenuous in the week before Pledge-day. The short season was a success on the whole, the strictness but simplicity of the rules making the complexity of last year feel like a nightmare. Our two most enjoyable parties were the dining-car luncheon and the cabaret, which was on our open night.

Quite a few changes have taken place in the chapter. We were sorry to lose Jessie Norton to Northwestern and Margaret Bate to Oklahoma, but are very fortunate in having Mary Margaret McBride return to college this fall. Mrs. Grigsby did not return—a "four-year girl" is sadly missed, but we feel very fortunate in having Mrs. E. D. Taylor from Kansas City as chaperon.

Initiation is to be held for Ruth Harris, Mary Stewart, and Addie Root, October 8. With this increase, our active membership will be raised to twenty-three.

Fraternity legislation has been much agitated this fall and both the men's and women's Panhellenic are taking steps to relieve the situation. The decrease in the number and expenses of fraternity functions and in so far as possible the suppression of fraternity news are the precautions which have been adopted.

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Leonora Woodward

'16 Margaret Mumford and Christine Spenser are teaching at Savannah, Mo.

'16 Claudine Gossett is teaching at Lathrop, Mo.

'16 Helen Lowry has accepted a position in the Manual high school, Kansas City, Mo.

'16 Edna Barck was married to James M. Garth, Sept. 19.

'16 Frances Dulaney is teaching home economics at Cottey college, Nevada, Mo.

'16 Hazel Evans has a position in the English department at Paris, Mo.

'17 Kate Child has been elected president of the senior women.

'17 Helena Wilbur has been made student assistant in the psychology department.

'18-ex Helen Hestwood was married to Harlan Thompson, II K A, in June.

'18 Mary Reese has been elected one of the associate editors of the *Savitar*.

'18 Lou-Eva Longan is attending the Chicago school of civics and philanthropy.

'19 Clara Grigsby is attending the Polytechnic institution at Kansas City, Mo.

'19 Elizabeth Harris is going to New York to study voice.

Inez Gordon Henne, Adele Sennott, Elizabeth Harris, Mary Paxton, Efale Brown, Mary Park, Lulu Turner, Maud Dean and Lou-Eva Longan were back for rushing.

## ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

College opened with cheerful prospects for Montana. The largest freshman class in the history of the university is enrolled—two hundred and fifty students, who are eager to increase Montana's glory.

A new education system is being tried in Montana, and we now have a unified university, including the State university at Missoula, the State college of agriculture and mechanic arts at Bozeman, the State normal college in Dillon and the State school of mines in Butte. Edward C. Elliott, formerly of the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed Chancellor, and is at the head of the new University of Montana. Chancellor Elliott has gained the admiration of all who have met him, and will undoubtedly do great things for the greater University of Montana.

Mrs. K. W. Jamison, also from the University of Wisconsin, has come to the university as Dean of women. Dean Jamison is a charming woman, and has already given evidence of her good spirit by planning a party for the new girls. The affair was given in the gymnasium, and various stunts, including a mock wedding, provided amusement for the guests.

Alpha Nu is settled in her new home, 300 University avenue. The house is much larger than last year. Mrs. T. L. Lewis is house-mother again, much to the joy of all of the girls.

Two new women's fraternities are on the campus. Delta Phi Zeta, a local, was organized last year, towards the close of the second semester. Theta Sigma Phi, a national honorary fraternity, was last year organized for women majoring in journalism.

No rushing was allowed for the first two weeks of the college year and this gave fraternity girls opportunity to become acquainted with new girls. Pledge-day this year will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 18. At last Montana has a shorter rushing season than ever before.

*Bernice Berry*

'18-ex Agnes Sherburne will be married to Ashley Q. Rowell of Denver, Colo. Oct. 17.

'16 Corrine McDonald was married to Philip W. Payen, B Θ Π, Aug. 28. Address: Amherst, Mass.

'17-ex Arva Willoughby is studying kindergarten work in Boston this year. Miss Willoughby is a student in Miss Steele's school.

'19-ex Bernice Berry is attending the University of Minnesota this year.

'18-ex Bernice Perkins is a junior in Oberlin this year.

'16 Donna McCall is teaching the primary work in Big Timber, Mont.

'14 Alice Hardenburgh is teaching in Mondack, Mont.

'16 Isabel Gilbert is teaching in the Larchwood, Mont. high school.

'13 Gladys Freeze was married to Benjamin H. Murphy, Sept. 28.

'19 Minta McCall Bonner (Mrs James) has returned from California, where she has been for the past year.

A daughter was born last April to Mr and Mrs Walter H. McCleod. Mrs McCleod was Olive Wheeler of San Francisco.

'17-ex Frances Donaher of Great Falls visited at the chapter house during the latter part of Sept.

'15 Merle Kettlewell visited the girls of Alpha Nu for the first week-end of the college year. Miss Kettlewell is teaching in the Plains high school.

'16 Hazel G. Clay is teaching at Worden, Mont.

'19-ex Doris Robinson and Gretchen VanCleve will remain at home this year.

Isabel Gibson visited for a few days at the chapter house before leaving to attend the University of Wisconsin.

#### ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Although we are all very enthusiastic about this college year, there are matters of last year which are just as important at this time.

Our annual Theta breakfast was one of these. It is given for the seniors at Commencement and all the Thetas in town are invited. Some years ago, a very wise and thoughtful girl initiated the custom of presenting Alpha Xi with a five-pound box of candy in token of her final decision upon men. To our great surprise, last year, we received forty pounds of candy, and if your mathematics are not too subordinate you will deduce that eight girls had decided to take matrimony as a final accomplishment. The seniors this morning were Charlie Fenton, Genevieve Shaver, Kathryn Watson, and Virginia Petersen, the latter only expressing her decision by way of a box.

Summer school at the University of Oregon found six of the girls attending. The house was kept open for the six weeks and with the aid of the girls who live in town, two rushing parties were given there during the session. One of our faculty whom we all enjoyed and from whom we took all knowledge possible was Dr. Spaeth, from the department of literature at Princeton university. He was indeed a treat.

And during the summer months we had the great satisfaction of seeing another building rise on our campus. It is to be the School of education.

This semester opened on Monday, September 11, with twelve girls in the chapter house—and through a glorious week of rushing, made so by the new set of rules which Panhellenic passed last year, at the end of the week we had twelve more girls in the house and three outside. Our fifteen pledges, of whom we are all very proud, as they are of us, we know, are first, three sisters: Jessie Garner, Mildred Garland and Caroline Montague. Then Margaret Rodgers, Carey Howard, Ada Otten, Eugenia Deming, Grace Williams, Marie Gates, Evelyn Tregilgas, Mary Warrack, Vivien Pallett, Ruth Connell, Philena King, and Elsie Fitzmaurice. It looks large, doesn't it? And it will make three in a room in four of the rooms, but they were all girls whom we needed and so, the result.

We held initiation for three members on the morning of September 23. One third of our ceremony gave to us great pleasure indeed, for we initiated Mrs. Mary Warfield McAlister, one of the founders of our local Beta Epsilon, before Kappa Alpha Theta was established. There now remains but one member of the founders who has not been initiated into the mystic bonds of our circle. Only regret may be expressed that she is unable to gain that which we each day obtain from close relationship to Theta ideals.

*Cleome Carroll*

'16 Virginia Peterson and Dean Walker,  $\Sigma$  N, were married Aug. 15. Their home is in Independence, Ore. but Mr Walker, having accepted the position as assistant football coach, they will be in Eugene until Thanksgiving.

'16-ex Lila Sengstake and Frederic Harold Young,  $B\Theta\text{ II}$ , were married Aug. 16. They are living in Pendleton.

'14-ex Frances Adams and Charles Reynolds,  $B\Theta\text{ II}$ , were married in Oct.

'10 Lucia Campbell and Sidney Henderson,  $\Sigma$  N, were married Oct. 11.

'14 Maurine McAdam and Harold Temple were married June 28.

'12 Mildred Bagly and David Graham were married in June. They are now living in Eugene.

The engagement of Palm Cowden to Ernest Brooks,  $B\Theta\text{ II}$ , has been announced.

'18-ex Julia Platt has announced her engagement to Joseph McLean  $\Sigma$  N.

Born to Mr and Mrs Ormand Bean (Eva Allen) a daughter, Sept. 15.

'17 Isabelle Garland is teaching in Lebanon, Ore.

Ruth Roche and Iva McMillin attended summer school at the University of California.

'16 Margaret Montague, who graduated from Vassar college '16, visited the chapter house on her way east to accept a position as assistant in psychology at Vassar.

'16 Kathryn Watson is assistant librarian at the university.

'11 Mrs C. W. Taylor (Mary DeBar) visited in Eugene during Oct.

'16 Charlie Fenton is working in the bookstore owned by the Cooperative student body.

'16 Genevieve Shaver is teaching in Sutherlin, Ore.

'13 Margaret Rankin visited us during rush week and then took up her new duty as teacher at Salem, Ore.

#### ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

How we wish you could visit us in our new chapter house! It is a comfortable brick house with a large east porch and roomy parlors. The eight bedrooms and third floor accommodate eighteen girls and our chaperon nicely, and our cook is delighted with her large, airy kitchen and pantries. Our living-rooms are newly furnished, one in light fumed oak and one in wicker. We also have four new bedroom suits.

We have eighteen of last year's active members back to enjoy our new home with its new furnishings. Even our one senior, Ethel Maude Smith, who graduated from the fine arts department last spring and is now on the fine arts faculty, is taking her senior work

in the college of arts and science this winter. We regret that Frances Broach '18, Hilda Gatewood '18, Mary and Alva Jarbeau '18, who are teaching; Edwina Bradley '19, who is taking an extension course in McAlester normal school; and Elizabeth Williams '19, failed to return this fall, but are delighted to have with us Margaret Bate of Alpha Mu chapter. She is our first affiliate.

Rushing season, most exciting and successful, began Sunday, September 17. Practically our only Panhellenic rules are: invitations cannot be given before nine o'clock Tuesday morning, September 19; and the rushee must be regularly enrolled. Such a short time necessitates strenuous though informal rushing. Entertainment in the form of motor trips, luncheons, and teas at the homes of our alumnae ended with a "pansy breakfast" Tuesday morning at which all of our rushees were present.

We pledged three upperclassmen: Ella Mansfield of Shawnee; Adaline Moore and Grace Whatley of Oklahoma City. From the freshman class, larger than ever this year, we are proud to introduce our twelve pledges: Dorothy Brooks and Edna Bessent of Norman; Helen March of El Reno; Thelma Smith and Alice Ball of Tulsa; Anne Hull of Muskogee; Geneva Ballinger of Anadarko; Aileen Meibergen of Enid; Louise Buxton, Evaline Atwood, and Ruth Fisher, of Oklahoma City; Louis Emery of Butler, Pennsylvania.

The university now boasts of a fine new chemistry building, newly equipped kitchens for domestic science, a large enrollment, and a football team promising another all-victorious season.

One of our seniors holds the biggest office a woman can hold in the university—president of the Woman's council. Also one of our girls is treasurer of the Young Women's Christian association and five of our girls are on the cabinet. We are enthusiastically starting to work, hoping for a very, very prosperous year for you as well as for ourselves.

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*Margaret Coleman*

'14-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Joe Love (Gladys Williams) a son.

'15-ex Helen Barrett taught dramatic expression in Iowa university this summer. She took her degree last year from Columbia college of expression and teaching.

'14 Elizabeth Eagleton is to be married to Raymond Courtwright,  $\Sigma$  X, Oct. 8.

'14-ex Mabel Thacker and Calvin Hobson were married June, 1916. Address: Oklahoma City.

'15 Edna Cash is teaching German in Oklahoma City high school.

'09 Yetta Alden spent the summer in Panama.

Mr and Mrs H. V. Bozell are located in New Haven, Conn. where Mr Bozell is connected with Yale university.

Helen Brooks, Smith '14, spent the summer in Boston and New York.

'11 Born to Mr and Mrs Thomas La Jaunesse (Myrl Edie) a son, Thomas Bradley. Address: Whitehall, Mont.

'18 Gladys Drennan and Mrs H. V. Bozell of Norman alumnae chapter attended District V convention last June.

Lucille Westervelt, '17, and Bess Westcott '18-ex, motored to New York this summer.

Maurine Butler '18-ex, Lucille Westervelt '17, Neva Rogers '17, Pauline Carr '17, and Corrine Breeding '18, attended summer school in Norman.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Madden have moved to Rockford, Ill.

'17 Harriet Patrick spent the summer at Pistakee Bay, Ill.

'17-ex Elizabeth Witcher is teaching at Kiefer, Okla.

Ethel Maud Smith '17, Elaine Buxton Moore '17-ex, Nina Bessent Owen '11-ex, Ina Johnson Kidd '12, Myrl Newby Buttram '06, Ruth Tolbert, and Margaret Archdeacon '18, were in Colorado this summer.

'15 Laurel True attended summer school in Chicago university.

Helen Brooks, Smith '14, is teaching in Shawnee.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs Raymond McCurdy (Ada May Eastland) a daughter.

'15 Lorena Cruce is in Prescott, Ariz.

'14 Olive Eagleton is teaching in the Oklahoma college for women in Chickasha.

'13-ex Maud Millar and Roy Hazeltine, K Σ, Oklahoma '15, were married last Feb. Address: Ashland, Ohio.

'11-ex Mrs Earl Coots (Callie Goodrich) is now living at 19 East Dexter, Shawnee, Okla.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs Ed Fleming (Gertrude Buxton) a daughter.

Eva Daves was married last Feb. to Dr. Para F. Erwin, Oklahoma, '07. Address: Wellston, Okla.

'12 Born to Mr and Mrs Frank Buttram (Merle Newby) a son.

'15 Grace Williams is teaching in Henryetta, Okla.

'14 Luella Bretch and Jen Tolbert took an extended trip through the west this summer and spent six weeks in summer school at Berkeley.

'11 Mr and Mrs H. S. Brown (May Melvin) and two daughters, have gone to Chicago.

'11 Mrs Benton Moyer (Lottie Boyle) is living in Chicago.

'10 Born to Mr and Mrs G. B. Parker (Adelaide Loomis) a daughter.

'06 Alta Loomis Carder and daughter, Adelaide, were in Norman for Commencement.

'10 Mrs Everett De Golyer (Nell Goodrich) has moved East. Address: 305 Park st. Montclair, N. J.

'09 Louisa Brook, Vassar '07, married Thomas Catesby Jones, Sept. 2.

'18 Hilda Gatewood is teaching at Okeman, Okla.

#### ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Early last spring, by rushing ardently as soon as the rule was passed permitting us to pledge freshmen, we won eleven fine girls: Lillian Bendeke, Eleanor Healy, and Margaret Reid, of Grand Forks; Evelyn Gould, Glenburn; Dorothy Hutchinson, La Moure; Hortense Monroe, Langdon; Ella Nevin, Bathgate; Margaret Mudgett, Valley City; Eva Renwick, Cavalier; and Marion Grover and Lucile Tombs of Grafton.

Next the Shakesperian celebration became the most engrossing activity of the student body. Thetas were prominent in both the composition and the production of this pageant.

Immediately after Commencement, eighteen of our girls spent a week of wholesome enjoyment at Maple lake. The house-party was held in the Bendeke and Hassell cottages. On September 23, Alpha Pi's birthday, all the girls near enough gathered at the Theta house and showered much-needed utensils on the kitchen. An open-house tea for our patronesses and alumnae proved to be the incentive to effect fresh, orderly rooms on the very first Saturday of the year.

We joyfully introduce Alice Budge and Ada Soule of Grand Forks; Ruth Mahon, Langdon; and Marguerite Patterson, Wahpeton, upperclassmen whom we are pledging today. This year's freshmen cannot be pledged until after open rush-week, week after next. Maryhelen London McKenzie (Mrs. Donald) has invited us to have one rush-party at her new home in Crookston.

The two other women's fraternities of our college have followed Theta's example and are now renting chapter houses. We are now in a newer, larger house, where there is room for all the active members and pledges, except those in Grand Forks, and for little Mrs. Adams, our spritely house-mother, and her daughter.

Berniece Budge and Margaret Kolars are with us again.

Now, everyone, whose Theta home is at Alpha Pi, sends gay greetings to all Theta sisters, everywhere.

5 October 1916

*Merle Rutherford*

'14-ex The engagement of Selma L. Hassell to Albert M. Lommen of Grand Forks, has been announced.

Born to Mr and Mrs A. C. Strand (Mary Bell Flemington) on Sept. 15, 1916, a son, Alex Flemington.

'11 Married, Rose Conmy to Dr Dollar, Willow City.

'11 (Oberlin) Married, LaBelle Mahon to C. M. Stevens, Crookston, Minn.

'12 Married, Annie McIlraith to Dr T. T. Quirke, A. T., 315 11th st. S. E. Minneapolis, Minn.

'10 Effie Lindstrom Burke (Mrs T. H.) and Eleanor Lowe Trezinsky '11, (Mrs G. A.) were in Grand Forks to attend Annie McIlraith's wedding.

'13 (Vassar) Ruth Whithed is at home at 1517 James av. Minneapolis, Minn.

'13 Jessie Budge is at Minot again this year.

'14 Olga Serumgard is still teaching at Perth.

'15 Catherine Hixon is teaching at Langdon.

'15 Mammie Jones is now again at Anamoose after a summer visit in Spokane and Seattle.

'15 Inez Serumgard is at International Falls, Minn.

'15 Minnie Steinbar is teaching at Taylor.

'16 Elaine Baldwin is teaching at Rollete.

'16 (George Washington) Amy Gronna is spending the winter season in Washington, D. C.

'16 Helen Lynch is spending the winter at home.

'16 Ruth Soule is teaching in Fosston, Minn.

'16 Lois Tombs is teaching in Buffalo.

'16-ex Mr and Mrs R. Bangor (Irene Cox) have a son.

'16-ex Harriet Carrier returned to teach at Havre, after a summer visit to the Atlantic states.

- '17-ex Grace Loughin is teaching at Abercrombie.
- '18-ex Maude Cummings is teaching in Tioga.
- '18-ex Grace Kolars is teaching in Warwick.
- '18-ex Margaret McGinley is teaching in Sentinel Butte.
- '18-ex Grace Swank is teaching in Perth.
- '15-ex Vera Markell is teaching in Cando.
- '16-ex Minnie Markell is principal in the Hansboro school.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The close of our college year brought Alpha Rho into a state of grand reunion, for a score of alumnae returned for the final festivities, which consisted of picnics and parties of all kinds.

By graduation we lost four worthy seniors: Ann Moe, Leila Cumming, Mae Olston, and Mildred Elmore. By affiliation we gained Gertrude McGee, of Rho.

Alpha Rho held its annual house-party at "Lakeside," Big Stone, July 22-29. Due to Verna and Mildred Gold's hospitality, it was a perfect success and every girl will always remember that week of fun in bathing suit and apron.

Now—best of all—we are settled in our new house. It is far ahead of our brightest dreams and is situated very near the campus. We can accommodate about sixteen girls. Our latest expenditure was made for a piano, which we were fortunate enough to get on easy terms. Now we own a piano and victrola, and of both we are duly proud.

Mrs. Muhs is with us this year as chaperon. Her attractive and charming personality add greatly to our comfort and advancement.

We have had very little time to breathe since our return to the university, which was about the middle of September, even though Panhellenic has made very sane rushing rules. The first event of rushing was a Japanese party, and the second was a stunt-party in the form of a "take off" on a day in the university. Every rushee assured us that she enjoyed this innovation to the fullest extent. The formal dinner was held October 2, and in spite of many little heartaches about place-cards, silver and borrowed china, we were delighted with the general result.

The invitations to membership were mailed October 4, and an air of suspense pervades the entire house.

Alpha Rho was overjoyed to receive a visit from Mrs. Mecklin and Miss Green during the first week of rushing. It was the realization of the wish of the chapter to know the grand officers, who furnished us with a new impetus to do our best.

Regarding scholarship, Alpha Rho passed a rule requiring every pledge to reach an average of "B" before she may be initiated, which is above the local Panhellenic requirement.

Our financial statement at the close of the year showed that our liabilities were in the minority and Marjorie Beebe was reelected house manager.

October 6 was "Freshman day," which means a parade, cane rush, campus feed and dance.

There are several very fine additions to the faculty this year. The increased percentage of new students is even greater than it was last year.

7 October 1916

*Fern Wasem*

The engagement of Verna Belle Gold to J. Vincent Conway, B Θ II, is announced.

Mary Weisel was initiated Sept. 26.

'11 Bernice Swezey is spending the fall in Vermilion.

'11 Hazel Lotze has opened a dramatic studio in Minneapolis, Minn.

'15 Laura Lotze is studying music in Minneapolis.

'17 Lucy Fargo is at the University of Minnesota.

'17 Anna Dell Morgan is with the Redpath bureau this year.

'17 Winifred Micheal is traveling with her father.

'03 Mrs Roy Davis and son are spending the winter in California.

'09 Mae Sheppard is teaching voice at Emporia, Kan.

Born, to Mr and Mrs Leon Royhl, a daughter.

'13 Lorena Young is teaching at Canton, S. D.

Ann Moe, Verna Gold and Leila Cumming were guests of the chapter during rushing.

'16 Mildred Elmore is teaching at Mobridge, S. D.

'15 Ella Gray has returned to Vermilion, acting as assistant in the domestic science department.

'16 Mae Olston is teaching in Castlewood, S. D.

#### ALPHA SIGMA—WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

The college year is beginning very happily for Alpha Sigma. Sixteen members have returned to college, and we are glad to have with us Helen Goode, from Alpha Lambda chapter. Eleanor Wilmer of Rosalia and Ida Green of Pullman, both Theta sisters, have been pledged.

We were most fortunate to engage for our new house-mother, Mrs. Steffa, who was formerly house-mother for Alpha Xi chapter at the University of Oregon.

Alpha Chi Omega is installing a new chapter here this week. This is the fourth national woman's fraternity to enter Washington state college.

The college enrollment is unusually heavy this fall and everyone is expecting a fine year. Pledge-day is set for November 18 and that means a long, strenuous rush, but we are all full of enthusiasm.

22 September 1916

*Lorena Ferrier*

'09 Lora Green was married Aug. 30 to Mr Buck, A T Ω.

'15 Marian Gray was married in June to Mr Overman, Professor of English at Washington state college.

#### ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Each year that brings again the opening of our university, and reunites the dearly beloved members of Alpha Tau, seems brighter

and busier and fuller of promise than any that has gone before; but we really feel convinced that this is a red-letter year, ushering in many new, important matters, full of interest for us.

The fun and excitement of the opening weeks, full, as they were, of joyous confusion and bewildered "frosh," have subsided, leaving us time to look about us, and note the changes. First, I must put our new Dean of women, Miss Loveen Pattee. She comes from the sunny south, bearing about her the warm brightness that we call southern charm; and we are looking forward to discovering the many noble qualities that first acquaintance with her promises. Next on our list of innovations, I place the new women's building. We have worked and planned for this building with all our hearts, and can hardly realize that it is so near completion. We are forming the habit of stealing off to lounge luxuriously in *our* drawing-room, or hang in blissful contemplation above *our* swimming pool, just to make it all seem real. A fine, new chemistry building has reared its walls among the trees of Burnet woods, also, but somehow, we are better able to control our gushing enthusiasm over this—I don't know exactly why!

Perhaps other Thetas would be interested in hearing of a new system of financing student activities, which is being tried out here this year. The various student activities have combined and agreed to charge each student, who wishes to subscribe, five dollars for all of them. This saves each student seven dollars, as the different activities are enabled to charge less in this way, owing to the economy of having one central organization. The plan seems a good one, and we are hoping for the hearty support of the whole student body, which alone can make it a success.

It is hard to express the sense of loss we feel, from the absence of our last year's graduates—Mary Cellarius, Madaline Seradino, Margaret Pfleger, Helen Andrews, and Mildred Evans; and also of those runaways to other seats of learning: Grace Dudley and Margaret Todd, who are attending the University of Wisconsin, and Mary Struble, who is in the third year at Western college. However, if anything could compensate us for the loss of these girls, the interest of becoming acquainted with the girls of the freshman class promises to do so. There seems to be an unusually large amount of good material this year, and it gives each of us a thrill at heart which makes us feel very serious, to think that somewhere in this indiscriminate, bewildering group, there are dear and lovely sisters waiting to be found—Thetas to be.

The new rules governing rushing, which were adopted by the Panhellenic council last spring, are in force now. As formerly, there is no open rushing, and the scholarship standard for fraternity membership also remains the same; the new elements being, that

the scholarship standard holds only for membership, not for pledging, and that Pledge-day is set for the Saturday following Thanksgiving, instead of being at the opening of the second semester. Initiation, however, must still be postponed until after the second semester opens, in February.

Our scholarship standing was better the second semester of last year than it was the first, and we are proud of even a small step upward. Theta stood second among the women's fraternities at the end of last year. Our finances were sound, though not startling, \$31 in the treasury. In college activities, Theta this year holds the presidency of the Young Women's Christian association, the Women's league, the Panhellenic council, and the Household arts club. Perhaps the highest honor that we have won, however, is held by Mary Corre, editor-in-chief of the Annual. Many of the girls also hold minor offices and are members of honorary clubs.

7 October 1916

*Elizabeth Page James*

'15-ex Margaret Clarke Rucker was married, June 2, to Edward Robert Shannon, jr. B Θ II. Address: Shenstone, Sharonville, Ohio.

'14 Helen Logan was married on June 21, to Rufus Jones.

'17 The engagement of Mary Struble, now at Western college, to Karl Greasar, Δ T Δ, was announced this summer.

'14 Katherine Page was married, June 24, to Holman Waring, Φ Γ Δ, of Columbus.

'12 Born, to Mr and Mrs William J. Graf (Christine Porter) on Sept. 9, a son, Douglas Porter.

'14 The marriage of Marie Thiesing and Robert Clark occurred this summer.

'15 (Psi) Katherine Ritchie is attending the University of Cincinnati.

#### ALPHA UPSILON—WASHBURN COLLEGE

We have so many new things to tell about, with our new house, new house-mother, new pledges, new ideas from District V convention, and a new national fraternity to spur us on to higher efficiency, that we hardly know where to begin. The Betas, a local group and our "dearest" enemy, were successful in their petition to Alpha Phi, and were installed just after college opened. We hope, with the high standing and standards of Alpha Phi behind them, we will have a little more serious competition than heretofore. Since Panhellenic rules here fix our asking day on Friday, six weeks after the opening of college, we are still in the midst of rushing season. The freshman class this year is larger than ever and contains much good material.

Last year we realized that we had outgrown our "little house" as we now call it, and, after much search, were successful in renting a fine large house just across from the entrance to the college. The owner is the father of one of our alumnae, Dorothy Gleed Miller. The house seems admirably fitted for a fraternity house, with large rooms downstairs, and just lots of closets and drawers and mirrors!

Some of the furniture was left in the house, and a fine large library containing practically all the classics and reference books that anyone could desire. We have a lovely new house-mother, too, Mrs. McCaslin, from Texas.

We have just been having class elections. Of the four girls elected to offices in the three upperclasses, three are Thetas. Marguerite Thrapp, one of our sophomores, has just been chosen president of the girls' dancing club. Several of our girls are just now trying out for the Dramatic club. Last year we had no representatives on the debating teams, but this year at least two of our girls will try out. We have three new pledges who take active part in college activities: Maureen Stephenson, who belonged to our old local Sigma Delta Psi, and has returned to finish her course, and two sophomores, Ruth Thompson and Genevieve McMillan. Jane Alexander and Christina Ward, pledges last winter, have been initiated.

It seems a shame to mention it along with our good reports, but five of our girls were unable to return to Washburn this year. Gracia Wood, the corresponding editor for us last year, believed the climate of Colorado would be more beneficial to her health, and is at Boulder. Marie Miller is spending the winter in Chicago, but will finish her course at Washburn next year. Our Beaver twins and Geraldine Riley have gone to Grinnell, believing the musical advantages to be better there. However, we hope that they will finish their course here, especially since the head of the music department of Grinnell has just been secured to teach in Washburn. Our three seniors who graduated last year are all at their homes: Erna Zutavern at Great Bend, Marjorie Lyle at Glenn Elder, and Frances Perry at Topeka. Frances says she thinks she will stay home this winter to take care of us. We are all very proud of Frances. Last spring she was one of two girls to be elected to Tau Delta Pi, an honorary local fraternity with the standard of Phi Beta Kappa. Of the six fraternities at Washburn, Kappa Alpha Theta stands second in scholarship, the local Kappa Kappa Chi leading. The average of fraternity students is above that of the independents.

Washburn is still in the midst of the endowment campaign. It ends the first of next January. So far, progress is good and we are feeling quite optimistic. We Thetas, too, are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable year, and sincerely hope that all the other Theta chapters are, too.

26 September 1916

*Laura Neiswanger*

<sup>14</sup> Born, June 5, 1916, to Mr and Mrs Edward A. Ingham (Mary Wickwire) a son, Edward Wickwire. Address: Carver rd. Watertown, Mass.

<sup>15</sup> Helen Guild and Josephine Tice '13, visited at the chapter house at the opening of college.

<sup>15</sup>-ex Isabel Mills and David Neiswanger,  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ , were married on Aug <sup>11</sup> They are living in Topeka.

'17 Margaret Kiene and Catherine Harrison '18, spent a week-end in September with Kappa chapter.

'15 Miss Locke, Phi, attended our first rushing party.

'10-ex Madeline Whitney has gone to New York City to attend the School for artists and designers.

#### ALPHA PHI—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

The writing of this letter finds us in the midst of pledge season, one of the most exciting and prosperous in the life of the chapter. Last Wednesday we placed pledge buttons on nine sophomores. would you like to know them? Here they are: Eunice Bate, Mary Warriner, Julia O'Shee, Amy Dietze, Alma Schuler, Ivy Waldo, Evangeline Magruder, and Yvonne Duval. It seems useless to point out their good qualities or to say they are nothing short of jewels in our eyes, but if only all the other chapters of Theta could know them as we do they would all agree that Alpha Phi has been very successful this year. And to think of it—before you hear from us again all nine of these newly pledged Thetas will be fully initiated and already working for the interest and honor of Theta.

But let us forget the present for a moment while we tell you of the many happy events in our chapter life since our last letter.

Monday, April 25, brought our Grand vice-president, Mrs. Forde, and our District president, Mrs. Gafford, for the first inspection visit since we have been Thetas. It is impossible to say just how beneficial this visit proved to be and how much pleasure it afforded us, but we individually are able to appreciate what it did for us.

The following Saturday we celebrated our May day at Newcomb—one of the most festive days of the year. According to custom, the juniors entertained the seniors on the campus with folk dancing, a May-pole dance and all that goes to make up a May-day festival. Adèle Drouet and Cornelia Laurans took part in the dancing.

Then came the baseball season and a most exciting one it proved to be. In this line we were represented by Miriam Thompson, who was pitcher in the 'varsity-alumnae games.

Baseball over, the tennis tournament began with full force. Many an exciting and strenuous game was played before the 'varsity team was decided. Miriam Thompson was a member of the 'varsity team.

After Commencement week we disbanded for vacation. And now here we are back at college again, enjoying our new room. We have just moved to a house ideally situated for our purpose and are making every effort in our power to make it as attractive and as "comfy" as possible.

Alpha Phi wishes to extend to each chapter of Theta heartiest wishes for a most prosperous and a most successful year.

2 October 1916

*Miriam Delchamps*

'14 Gladys Gibbens received M.A. degree in mathematics at Tulane university, June 7, 1916.

'15 Hathaway Gibbens is teaching in Alexandria, La.

'15 Louise Berrey visited Alpha Phi during rush season.

Linda Coleman, Alpha Theta, is studying medicine at Tulane university. Thelma Barkdull is making her début in New Orleans this season.

#### ALPHA CHI—PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Rush is over and, tired but victorious, we look with pride and happiness at our pledge pins on: Catherine Overly Indianapolis; Dolly Schlosser, Bremen; Eleanor Reitz, Evansville; Helen Norris, Clarksburg; Juliet Matthews, Lafayette; Frances Fisher, Vivian Morehouse, Mildred Briggs, West Lafayette; and Edith Erhard, Temple, Texas.

Last spring the three women's fraternities at Purdue organized a Panhellenic council, and formulated several new rush rules for this year. Each fraternity was limited to two rush parties and this eliminated a great deal of expense. We entertained first with a progressive dinner and two days later with a gypsy party. We held it out in the woods, and several of the girls, dressed as gypsies, unraveled marvelous tales of the future for the guests. The less gifted Thetas cooked an appetizing supper over the two immense fires, and after the "eats," we sang Theta and college songs, to the accompaniment of several ukuleles and violins.

We are so happy to have Beth Wilson, of Gamma chapter, with us as chaperon, and as eighteen of our twenty-two active members returned this fall, we are looking forward to a happy and prosperous year together.

And now to turn back to the events of last year. In the spring, girls were for the first time in the history of Purdue admitted to the Harlequin club, the leading dramatic organization at the university. Six Thetas took part in the play, *Around the campus*, by George Ade, class of 1887. Mary Agnew had the leading rôle.

On May 5, the May-day celebration took place, and Miriam Beall was crowned queen. As this is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Purdue girl, we felt very proud of her.

Theta came out second in the scholarship rôle, and Beatrice Fisher made Omicron Nu, and Josie McCord and Gail Bone were initiated into Theta Chi Gamma, a local corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa. Beatrice Fisher also won the junior girls' tennis championship.

We gave a farewell breakfast party the last week of college for our loyal seniors, Alice Hupe, Ida Belle Towsley, Miriam Beall, Philena Palmer, and Nellie Earhart. This day also marked the ending of our first year in a chapter house. Although we incurred a small debt, the initial year is always a hard one, and we are confident that we can repay the loan this year.

7 October 1916

*Mary Agnew*

'12 Edith Gamble is teaching in the university, after a year's leave of absence to attend Columbia.

'12 Lera Crane was married to Mr Francis Hamilton '14, of Indianapolis on Sept. 17.

'16 Ida Belle Towsley is head of the domestic science department at De Pauw.

'16 Nelle Earhart is teaching in Portland, Ore.

'16 Miriam Beall is connected with the Extension department of Purdue.

'16 Philena Palmer has a clerical position in the Indiana industrial school in Indianapolis.

'16 Alice Hupe is studying interior decorating in Chicago.

'18-ex Lucille Riley is teaching in the Goldsmith high school.

'18-ex Anne McVicker has a position in the public schools in Gas City.

'19-ex Ione Smith is teaching in Attica.

#### ALPHA PSI—LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Alpha Psi is just a year old this month, but we are beginning to feel much older than that in strength. We especially have felt that strength in our rushing season. With a rush captain and the cooperation of every Theta our plans have been carried through without a single hitch. Our informal party was a one o'clock luncheon and the formal was a dinner-dance.

The college year closed last spring with an initiation June 12. Three new members were added to our list: Mabel Eddy, head of the French department; Helen Porterfield of Peshtigo, an alumna of Kappa Upsilon; and Helen Lawson '19.

A few days before registration Thetas were not to be found anywhere. They were busy. With what? They were busy, buying, sewing, cleaning and arranging their new chapter room. The new room is just a block from the campus. By taking advantage of fall sales we were able to buy very attractive furniture at a comparatively small cost. It is a large, sunshiny room and we are proud of it because every single thing in it is our very own. Alpha Psi's first rush stunt was a tea given in her new home.

This year we are represented on the campus by Loraine Lomas as secretary of the junior class and house president of the Lawe street dormitory, and Amy Helmer as vice-president of the sophomore class.

The college year at Lawrence has begun very successfully. Two new dormitories for women have been opened, making eight in all, and still students have been turned away because of lack of room. But next year we hope to have the problem solved by the new Russell Sage dormitory which is to be built with the \$100,000 gift of Mrs. Russell Sage.

Lawrence took another stride forward last spring when the Dean of the English department, Dr. Lyle Spencer, and the active staff of the *Lawrentian* founded a new national honorary fraternity of journalism, Eta Theta Epsilon. Up to the present time they have granted five charters.

We have saved the best for the last. We were pleasantly surprised this fall by the short visit of Mrs. Hope Davis Mecklin. It was almost a birthday celebration for us, and it did us a world of good to meet our Grand president. She was here for our informal luncheon and even learned to know many of our rushees by name. Mrs. Mecklin inspired every one of us with the bigness of Thetahood and Theta ideals, and we hope that every year will be as full of pleasant visits and good things as this first year has been.

6 October 1916

*Lorraine W. Lomas*

'13 Vera Cass is teaching in Tilton seminary at Tilton, N. H.

'13 Born to Mr and Mrs Richard Thickens (Jean Wiley) a daughter, Laura Josephine, May 28.

'15-ex Margaret Killen was married to George Banta, jr.  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ , of Menasha, Oct. 10. Address: 350 Park st. Menasha, Wis. where they will be at home after Dec. 1. The alumnae and active chapter attended the wedding which was held in the Memorial Presbyterian church.

'16 Dorothy Holbrook is teaching at Wittenburg, Wis.

'16 Ida Mackin was here for our formal and helped us with rushing for a few days.

'17 Margaret Ritchie has been appointed laboratory assistant in the biological department.

'17-ex Elizabeth Stevens has entered Smith college as a senior.

'18-ex Miriam Vander Bie, Norma S. Stauffer and Gladys Holstein are attending the University of Wisconsin.

'19-ex Elizabeth Helmer was unable to return to Lawrence this fall on account of poor health.

'19-ex Doris Lachman is attending the Art institute in Chicago.

#### ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Alpha Omega hopes that her sister chapters are as glad as she is to be reunited again. Classes began on September 25, but, before that time, almost everyone had returned to see our house, which has been refurnished and redecorated and is under the management of a charming new chaperon, Mrs. Greer. The girls are delighted to begin the college year with such favorable and attractive surroundings.

Panhellenic granted us Friday afternoon, September 29, for our annual tea to the new girls. We thought the affair more successful than ever before: partly on account of the house, but mostly because there seemed prevalent that good comradeship which we try to encourage between all the girls on the campus, but which is often lacking when a fraternity entertains "prospects." Rushing season does not formally open until December 1, but up until that time we may entertain not more than three freshmen at one time. Accordingly we are escorting three freshman girls to the opening football game on October 7. Last year's rules in regard to pledging at the end of the first semester, again prevail.

On October 14 we expect to initiate Verna Irons '18, whom we pledged last June, and Rose Wible (Colcord), who was one of our

group when we were still Pi Theta Nu. She has just recently moved near Pittsburgh. In order that the Pittsburgh alumnae may see our house and that we may know them better, we are asking them to take tea with us informally, upon the afternoon of October 21.

A contest that is arousing much anticipation is the Pitt-Penn football game, to be played at Forbes field on October 28. Practically all seats are sold, and the grandstand seats about twenty thousand. Each college will have its bleacher stand also.

Professor Baird of the university is the author of a Pageant for the Charter centennial celebration, which is to take place in the open at Forbes field on November 1, 2 and 3. Many of the students expect to help make up the requisite 2,500.

7 October 1916

*Cecile Boyd*

'14 Jane Fisher was married to Harrison Hunt, and they are living in Morgantown, W. Va. where Mr Hunt is connected with the university.

'12 Anna Lora Hopkins has been elected physical training instructor in the Fifth avenue high school, Pittsburgh.

'14 Ellen May Girsham, Mu, is living at the Alpha Omega house this winter.

'16 Helen Frost has been appointed secretary of the Knoxville branch of the Pittsburgh Y. W. C. A.

'16 Esther Williams is supervisor of art in the New Brighton schools.

'16 Ellen Koch teaches domestic science in Sharpsburg and Aspinwall, Pa.

'16 Louise Cully is teaching in the young ladies seminary at Statesville, N. C.

'19-ex Helen Hutson is this year at Dennison college, Granville, Pa.

'17-ex Helen MacLeod is teaching in the Pittsburgh schools.

During the summer Brenda Wright, Helen Schoenick, Louise Borland, Naoma Brand, Margaret McClenahan taught in the Pittsburgh playgrounds.

We are pleased to say that Brenda Wright is again in college after a very severe operation for appendicitis.

After having met Katharine Kerr of Washington state university we sympathize in Alpha Lambda's loss of her to Smith this year.

#### BETA BETA—RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

As it is said that a chapter is judged by her chapter letter, let it be hoped that this, our first letter, will not make the wrong impression. We now number twelve, all of our undergraduates returning to college except Mary Wells, who is not able to be with us this year. We miss very much the six seniors who left us in June, but we feel that this loss is in a great part made up by the four splendid sophomores we have pledged to Theta. We are so proud of them! They are Cora Byrd Ames of Pungoteague, Virginia; Lucile Duncan of England, Arkansas; Virginia Ivey of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Louise Ellis of Fayetteville, Tennessee. Pledge-day occurred September 23, three days after the opening of college. These were very busy days for us girls of Beta Beta, for during them we made

our last struggle in rushing. The average number of pledges that all the fraternities have this fall is from three to five. The pledging of advanced standing girls takes place October 7.

We are quite interested in the planning of our lodge. The fraternity girls here do not live in houses but they build three-room bungalows where they hold their chapter meetings and entertain their friends. We feel that our new lodge will mean much to us and we are applying all our latent talent as architects and interior decorators to the planning of it.

News that Randolph-Macon has been granted a charter of Phi Beta Kappa comes to all Randolph-Macon students and, especially to us Thetas, with great pleasure. We are entertaining the great, but not impossible, hope that some of our chapter may wear a Phi Beta Kappa key.

Though we are young in our Thetahood we are enthusiastic in our work for Theta and are striving to make ourselves worthy of her ideals.

A successful and prosperous year to all!

29 September 1916

*Maurine Edwards*

Mrs S. T. M. Harmonson is head of the German department at R.-M. W. C. this year.

- '15 Sabra Waples is teaching in the graded schools of Richmond, Va.
- '16 Jeanie Gary is teaching German in the high school at Franklin, Va.
- '16 Ramelle Smith is teaching in Albemarle, N. C.
- '16 Elizabeth Jordan is teaching physics in Pulaski high school, Pulaski, Va.
- '16 Carter Darnell is teaching in the high school at Lawrenceville, Va.
- '18-ex Mary Wells is teaching in Marietta college, Marietta, Ohio.

#### ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Alpha Delta is, for the first time in many years, able to introduce to you its pledges in this first fall number of the Journal. They are: Emily Hettinger of Kansas City, Missouri; Roberta Tener of Indiana; and Onnolee Wyckoff of Baltimore—all new sophomores—and Grace Hawkins of El Paso, Texas; Eleanor Watts and Jean Merriken, both of Baltimore. Rushing season, to all intents and purposes, simply was not, this year! Literally and actually, we had no rushing season, not even the four days we had expected. Before this time Goucher has tried both sophomore pledging, and more frequently, six or eight week pledging, Pledge-day in that case coming some time in November. But this year, at the suggestion of our president, Dr. Guth, we consented to a four-day rush and this was the ruling finally and definitely made by Panhellenic. We did some "summer rushing" during September—had several picnics, a porch party, and an all night house-party, but it was impossible to do much, as both the Thetas and the girls we were rushing were, for the most part, out of town. Goucher's opening was postponed until Friday,

October 6, and when we came back, expecting that our short formal rushing season would start on the following Monday, Dr. Guth told us that he wished us to make Saturday, October 7, our Pledge-day—the very day after the opening of college. There had been some misunderstanding, he had not realized what our plans were, and when he did know, he disapproved of them, and requested that we pledge our girls on Saturday. Well—we did it, and we're very, very proud of the six girls who pledged themselves then to Kappa Alpha Theta!

Alpha Delta sends best wishes for a very happy and successful year to all of the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.

*Gertrude T. Edwards*

'97 Emma Weeks Crispin visited Ruth Haslup, '03, and was in Baltimore for Pledge-day.

'98-ex Through a mistake of the editor of the catalogue Phoebe Jane Appleyard (Mrs Arthur Staples) is catalogued as "dead." She is still living at 735 South Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

'07 Christie Y. Dulaney was married to Mr. George Softer in August.

'09 Katherine Lindsay is organizing women's trade unions in Baltimore.

'13 Francis Clarke visited in Baltimore in July.

'13 Helen Harrison is a worker-in-training for the Baltimore Federated Charities. She visited Anna Payne, '13, in July.

'14 Blanche Ross visited Helen Harrison in September and went on a house-party with Alpha Delta.

'16 Agnes Hood visited Helen Frisch, '15, in September.

'17-ex Ruth Simpson has come back to college and has joined the class of 1918.

#### PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ (ALPHA EPSILON)

'02 The marriage of Mrs Ella Artemisia Thompson to Dr George Francis McIntire took place on June 27, 1916, at Cambridge, Mass. Address: 5 Dana st. Cambridge, Mass.

'08 Announcement has been made of the engagement of Ruth Leonard Foster to Dr Lewis B. Porter of Providence, Yale medical, 1898.

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs Sidney Small Paine (Audrey L. Lake) on June 12, twin daughters, Barbara and Audrey.

'08-ex Born to Prof. and Mrs Edmund B. Delabarre (Dorothea Cotton) on May 4, a daughter, Dorcas Delabarre.

'08-ex Mabel E. Guile is at the Brenton, 210 Waterman st. Providence, for the winter.

'10 Elizabeth Morrison is with the Associated charities of Providence.

'10 Eleanor S. Upton is secretary to the librarian of the John Carter Brown library, Brown university.

'12-ex Elizabeth J. Brown was married on May 20 at her home in Pawtucket to Hawthorne Howland, Brown '12-ex.

'13-ex Dorothy S. Wood is doing work in the Department of school inspection, a branch of the Providence health department.

Mr and Mrs J. Paul Kauffman (Clarice Ryther) have left Cambridge, Mass. for New Haven, Conn. where Mr Kauffman will teach in Yale university.

*O. R. Metzger*

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